

POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE: NURSE PRACTITIONER

Web Site: <https://twu.edu/nursing/graduate-programs/post-ms-certificate/>

Individuals who have a master's degree in nursing may be considered for admission to a Post-master's Certificate in Nurse Practitioner.

A Nurse Practitioner (NP) is an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) who holds a master's or doctoral degree in a specific population focus. These include family, adult-gerontology (primary or acute care), neonatal, pediatrics (primary or acute care), women's health, or psychiatric-mental health populations. Texas Woman's University offers programs for family, adult-gerontology (primary and acute care), pediatric primary care, and women's health.

A Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) provides care for patients of all ages and within many settings. This primary care role focuses on health promotion and health maintenance of patients as well as management of common acute and chronic health conditions across the lifespan.

A Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) provides care to children with both acute and common health conditions with an emphasis on growth and development from birth to young adulthood. Practice will extend across a variety of settings. While there are both primary and acute care programs, the program at TWU is preparing students for a primary care role.

A Women's Health Nurse Practitioner (WHNP) provides care for women from adolescence through adulthood. Care focus includes well-woman, high-risk prenatal management, family planning, menopause, and fertility.

An Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner may be prepared and function in a primary care role (AGNP) or an acute care role (AGACNP). Texas Woman's University has both programs. The AGNP provides acute, chronic, and preventative care for adults from adolescence to old age, typically in a primary care setting. An AGACNP provides care for acute and severe episodes of illness, injury, or trauma and may continue that care after the acute phase.

Marketable Skills

Defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30 Strategic Plan (<http://www.60x30tx.com/>) as, "Those skills valued by employers that can be applied in a variety of work settings, including interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skills areas. These skills can be either primary or complementary to a major and are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities."

1. Work well with teams and complete project work.
2. Collect and analyze information, problem-solve, and make decisions.
3. Effectively communicate through a variety of mediums and modes.

Admissions

All students must meet the University requirements as outlined in the Admission to the TWU Graduate School (<http://catalog.twu.edu/>)

graduate/graduate-school/admission-graduate-school/) section of the catalog.

This academic program may have additional admission criteria that must also be completed as outlined on the program's website.

Degree Requirements

Total Semester Credit Hours Required

34 semester credit hours (SCH).

Code	Title	SCHs
Required Courses		
NURS 5001	Advanced Practice Nursing Seminar	1
BIOL 5333	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURS 5644	Advanced Assessment/Differential Diagnosis	4
NURS 5663	Pharmacotherapeutics for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
Total SCHs		11

Complete One of the Following Tracks

Code	Title	SCHs
Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)		
NURS 5605	Family Health Nursing II	5
NURS 5615	Family Health Nursing III	5
NURS 5625	Family Health Nursing I	5
NURS 5683	Family Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship I	3
NURS 5695	Family Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship II	5
Total SCHs		23

Code	Title	SCHs
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP)		
NURS 5305	Child Health Nursing II	5
NURS 5315	Child Health Nursing III	5
NURS 5325	Child Health Nursing I	5
NURS 5383	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship I	3
NURS 5395	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship II	5
Total SCHs		23

Code	Title	SCHs
Women's Health Nurse Practitioner		
NURS 5405	Women's Health Nursing II	5
NURS 5415	Women's Health Nursing III	5
NURS 5425	Women's Health Nursing I	5
NURS 5483	Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship I	3
NURS 5495	Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship II	5
Total SCHs		23

Code	Title	SCHs
Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner		
NURS 5505	Adult/Gerontology Nursing II	5
NURS 5515	Adult/Gerontology Nursing III	5
NURS 5525	Adult/Gerontology Nursing I	5

NURS 5583	Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship I	3
NURS 5595	Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship II	5
Total SCHs		23

Code	Title	SCHs
Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner		
NURS 5005	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner I	5
NURS 5015	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner II	5
NURS 5025	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner III	5
NURS 5083	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship I	3
NURS 5095	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship II	5
Total SCHs		23

If a student is practicing as an advanced practice registered nurse and is currently credentialed by the Texas Board of Nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse, the advanced pathophysiology, pharmacotherapeutics, and advanced assessment courses must not be more than six years old at the time of completing the Post-master's Certificate. If not, this coursework will need to be repeated for the new certificate.