

POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE: NURSE PRACTITIONER

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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.