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 (primary care), 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 (both primary and acute care), pediatric primary care, and women’s health.

The Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) provides care for patients of all ages and within many settings. This is a primary care role and focuses on health promotion and health maintenance of patients.

The Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) provides care to children and adolescents within a variety of settings. While there are both primary and acute care programs, TWU prepares students for the primary care role.

The Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner (WHNP) provides care for women from adolescence to adults. The TWU WHNP program prepares graduates to provide normal and high-risk prenatal management, family planning, fertility care, and well-woman care.

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

See corresponding tabs for specific program requirements.