

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (WOMEN'S HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER)

**Web Site:** <https://twu.edu/nursing/master-of-science-in-nursing-msn/womens-health-nurse-practitioner-whnp/>

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), women's health, and psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner tracks.

The Women's Health Nurse Practitioner (WHNP) provides care for women extending from adolescence through adulthood. The TWU WHNP program prepares graduates to provide well-woman care, high-risk prenatal management, family planning, care during menopause, and fertility care.

## Marketable Skills

Defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30 Strategic Plan (<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/miscellaneous/the60x30-strategic-plan/>) 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."

- Advance a culture of excellence through lifelong learning in the care setting.
- Navigate and integrate care services across the healthcare system.
- Design innovative nursing practices.
- Translate evidence into nursing practice.

## 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

45 semester credit hours (SCH).

Code	Title	SCHs
<b>Required Courses</b>		
BIOL 5333	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURS 5663	Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 5643	Advanced Health Assessment for Advanced Nursing Practice	3

NURS 5073	Evidence-Based Practice for the Promotion of Quality Outcomes	3
NURS 5093	Theoretical Foundations and the Advanced Nursing Role	3
NURS 5133	Health Policy and Health Care Delivery for Advanced Nursing Practice	3

**Total SCHs** 18

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### Women's Health Nurse Practitioner (WHNP)

NURS 5402	WHNP Role in Managing Healthcare Disparities in Women's Health	2
NURS 5412	Principles of Women and Gender-Related Care Management: Diagnostics and Common Procedural Interventions	2
NURS 5423	Women's Health - Gender-related Advanced Practice Nursing I	3
NURS 5401	Primary Care in Women's Health and Gender-related Advanced Practice Nursing	1
NURS 5463	WHNP Clinical Practice I	3
NURS 5443	Women's Health - Gender-related Advanced Practice Nursing II	3
NURS 5465	WHNP Clinical Practice II	5
NURS 5473	Women's Health - Gender-related Advanced Practice Nursing Synthesis and Transition to Professional Practice	3
NURS 5475	WHNP Clinical Practice III	5

**Total SCHs** 27

## Special Requirements

All tracks are approved for Distance Education.

- A grade of B or higher must be achieved in all required courses. A student who has earned a grade of less than B (C, D, or F) in two required courses at the graduate level or who has earned a grade of less than B (C, D, or F) twice in the same graduate-level required course will be removed from the nursing program. A student who does not maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher will be dismissed from the nursing program. For the purpose of removal from the nursing program, a grade of less than B is counted as a grade of less than B even if the course has been successfully repeated.
- Students admitted to the master's program provisionally, based on low GPA, must complete the first 12 semester credit hours of graduate courses with grades of B or better in each course; at least 9 semester credit hours must be in nursing courses. A provisionally admitted student will be dismissed from the program if a grade of C or lower is made in any course during the probationary period.
- Graduate students have six years to complete the MSN program.

## Time Limit

Semester credit hours older than six years, including transfer courses, cannot apply toward the master's degree or post-master's certificate completion.

## Final Examination

Oral examination of the completed professional or clinical project (subject to change).