

Women's Health Nurse Practitioner (Graduate Certificate)

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Program description

Degree awarded: Certificate Women's Health Nurse Practitioner (Certificate)

The certificate program for the women's health nurse practitioner specialty is an advanced nursing practice program. The program prepares graduates to provide holistic, client-centered primary care for women from adolescence through older adulthood. It is designed for board-certified nurses in a different advanced practice registered nurse specialty area seeking additional certification as a women's health nurse practitioner, or for doctorate-level nurses seeking to become a women's health nurse practitioner.

This is hybrid program, a blend of in-person and online learning. Students are required to travel to campus for orientation once and for immersions two or three times per semester.

Core courses include pharmacology, advanced pathophysiology and advanced health assessment. Any deficiency courses determined by the student's unique gap analysis must have been completed in the past five years to be eligible for credit.

Specialty courses focus on the assessment, diagnosis and evidence-based management of common and complex gynecologic, sexual, reproductive, menopause-transition and postmenopause health care; uncomplicated and high-risk antepartum and postpartum care; as well as sexual and reproductive health care for men.

Courses emphasize research and theories to provide the context essential to advanced nursing practice focusing on health promotion, risk assessment and disease prevention for women across the life span, taking into account factors that influence health care and health outcomes.

Focused clinical experiences are arranged for students residing in Maricopa County, Arizona. Students should expect to travel throughout Maricopa County and, in some cases, surrounding counties to complete their assigned clinical placement.

Students residing outside of Maricopa County are responsible for identifying the required number of clinical sites in their area of residence and for identifying preceptors and sites willing to accommodate clinical rotations. Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation must approve these sites before students start any clinical experience; the doctoral program office does not guarantee a clinical placement

site for any student outside Maricopa County. If, during the program, faculty determine that the student needs additional supervision for clinical progress in the program, the student must complete clinical experiences in the Phoenix area.

The program offers practicum experiences (clinical rotations) in health profession shortage areas throughout the state, in both urban underserved and rural areas, which provide students with multicultural experiences to enhance professional development.

As a participating National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements member, Arizona State University is authorized to offer distance education to persons located in individual State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement member states in accordance with the council's established policies and standards. California is not a State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement member, and the California Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education does not regulate out-of-state public institutions. ASU may offer educational activities in California. There are some exceptions for specific programs at Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation; these are noted on the [ASU state authorization](#) website.

ASU nursing practice programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#)

Degree requirements

23 credit hours

Required Core (23 credit hours)

DNP 613 Women's Health Promotion I (3)

DNP 614 Women's Health Practicum I (3)

DNP 615 Management of Common Problems in Women's Health (3)

DNP 616 Advanced Women's Health Practicum II (5)

DNP 617 Management of Complex and Chronic Disease in Women (3)

DNP 618 Advanced Women's Health Practicum III (6)

Additional Curriculum Information

Nurses who complete this certificate meet the eligibility requirements to take the national women's health nurse practitioner certification examination. In addition to completing didactic courses, students complete 14 credit hours (630 clock hours) of practicum experiences in a community setting.

Admission requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's and master's degree in nursing from a nationally recognized, regionally accredited academic institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program or a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. documentation of a current unencumbered RN license in the state in which the student plans to do clinical practicums
4. three professional letters of recommendation
5. resume
6. admission essay
7. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of their current residency, per the Graduate College requirement and all requirements for the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools.

International students who need an F-1 or J-1 visa need to apply to and be accepted into a graduate degree program prior to being considered for the certificate program. International students residing in the U.S. on other types of visas must adhere to all Graduate College policies and procedures regarding admission to be considered for admission to this certificate program.

All students are also required to have an unencumbered Arizona RN license or an unencumbered compact state RN license as mandated by the Arizona State Board of Nursing. The RN license must remain unencumbered throughout enrollment in any nursing program.

Applicants must be board certified in a different APRN specialty.

Applicants are required to have an in-person interview with the program faculty.

Applicants are asked to submit an admission essay addressing their career goals for the next five to 10 years and describing how obtaining an NP certificate from ASU will help them meet these goals and how meeting one of the first seven essentials from "The Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice" (2006) will further their career goals.

All Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation students are required to complete health and safety requirements, and they must have a passing disposition on a background clearance and satisfactory completion of a substance screen with the program's identified agency.

One year of clinical experience working within the student's specialty population is preferred.

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Application deadlines

Summer

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Career opportunities

The Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation prepares graduates for excellence upon entering the workplace. Graduates of the women's health nurse practitioner certificate program have the knowledge and training to provide health care for patients across the life span in a wide variety of settings. The broad base of comprehension and clinical expertise enables graduates to effectively participate and lead within clinical, community and academic arenas.

Career examples include:

- business owner
- community advocate
- nurse practitioner
- professor

Professional licensure

ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the [ASU professional licensure](#) webpage.

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