Women's Health Nurse Practitioner (Graduate Certificate)

Program Description

**Degree Awarded: Certificate Women's Health Nurse Practitioner (Certificate)**

This certificate program, accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, is designed for nurses who are board certified in a different APRN specialty area who seek additional certification as a women's health nurse practitioner or for nurses with a doctoral degree in nursing who seek to become a women's health nurse practitioner.

The post-master's certificate as a women's health nurse practitioner prepares graduates to provide holistic, client-centered primary care for women from adolescence through older adulthood. Courses focus on the assessment, diagnosis and evidence-based management of common and complex gynecologic, sexual, reproductive, menopause-transition and post-menopause 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 lifespan, taking into account factors that influence health care and health outcomes.

This women's health nurse practitioner certificate program is offered in a hybrid iCourse and in-person format that requires students to travel to campus for orientation and then two or three times per semester.

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, Arizona, 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, and Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation must approve these sites before starting any clinical experience; the DNP program office does not guarantee a clinical placement site for any student outside Maricopa County. If, during the program, faculty determine the student needs additional supervision for clinical progress in the program, the student must complete clinical experiences in the Phoenix area.
Rural health and experiences with disadvantaged and multicultural populations are encouraged.

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 SARA states in accordance with the Council's established policies and standards. California does not participate in SARA 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. These exceptions are noted on the ASU state authorizations website: [https://admission.asu.edu/academics/authorizations](https://admission.asu.edu/academics/authorizations).

### At a Glance

- **College/School**: [Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation](https://admission.asu.edu/academics/authorizations)
- **Location**: Downtown Phoenix campus or [Online](https://admission.asu.edu/academics/authorizations)

### 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 applicants must have 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 current residency per the Graduate College requirement and all requirements for the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools.

International students who need an F1 or J1 visa first 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 USA 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 the applicant's career goals for the next five to 10 years and how obtaining an NP certificate from Arizona State University 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 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.
For U.S. Department of Education Gainful Employment Program Disclosure information, students should refer to the College of Nursing and Health Innovation website.

**Application Deadlines**

**Summer**

**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 healthcare for patients across the lifespan in a wide variety of settings. The broad base of comprehension and clinical expertise enable 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: [https://admission.asu.edu/academics/licensure](https://admission.asu.edu/academics/licensure).

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