Women's Health Nurse Practitioner (Graduate Certificate)

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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 with a master's degree in nursing who seek to become women's health nurse practitioners or for nurse practitioners with a master's degree or DNP who seek additional certification as women's health nurse practitioners.

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. Women's health care theory and clinical courses include theories, principles and clinical skills in the care of women and their families. Courses focus on critical thinking, diagnosis, problem-solving and nursing management of women throughout the maternity cycle and with common gynecological problems. Client education, communication and collaboration are emphasized.

Focused clinical experiences are arranged with appropriate preceptors and administrators. Every attempt is made to arrange this in the student's geographical area. In the event that clinical sites are unavailable in that area or if faculty determine the student needs additional faculty supervision of skills, the student is required to complete the clinical experience in the Phoenix area. Rural health and experiences with disadvantaged and multicultural populations are encouraged, and sites are available for these experiences.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** College of Nursing and Health Innovation
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus

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 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 of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (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 (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of
English proficiency per the Graduate College requirement and all requirements for the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools.

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 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
- 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 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.