NURSE MIDWIFERY, MSN

**Degree:** Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

**Field of Study:** Nurse Midwifery

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**Program Overview**

Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) are educated in the two disciplines of nursing and midwifery and are certified according to the requirements of the American Midwifery Certification Board. CNMs manage women’s health care, focusing on common primary care issues, family planning and gynecologic needs including menopause related issues, pregnancy, childbirth, the postpartum period, and care of the newborn. They practice within a healthcare system that provides for consultation, collaboration, or referral as indicated by the health status of the client, in accordance with the Standards for the Practice of Midwifery, as defined by the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM).

**Major Requirements**

Nurse midwife students must complete 49 credit hours of coursework as well as work individually with (a) clinical preceptors in a variety of out-patient, in-patient, and out-of-hospital settings to provide optimal care to women in the antepartum, intrapartum, (and) postpartum and nonchildbearing periods. Graduates will be eligible to take the certification examination administered by the American Midwifery Certification Board. By taking NURS 559 Primary Care for Women’s Health Providers, students are eligible for dual certification in Women’s Health.

**Sample Plan of Study**

**First Year**

**Fall**

- NURS 405 Inquiry I - Theoretical Foundations 2
- NURS 453 Advanced Pathophysiology 4

**Hours** 6

**Spring**

- NURS 459 Advanced Physical Assessment 3
- NURS 425 Inquiry II - Research Process 3

**Hours** 6

**Summer**

- NURS 502 Inquiry III Evidence-Based Practice 2
- NURS 444A Ethical Issues in Advanced Nursing Practice 1

**Hours** 3

**Second Year**

**Fall**

- NURS 454 Gynecologic, Reproductive, and Sexual Health Care 3
- NUNP 410 Health Promotion Across the Life Span 2
- NURS 444B Health Care Delivery and Finance in Advanced Practice 1

**Hours** 6

**Spring**

- NURS 451 Leadership for Quality Healthcare within Organizations and Systems 3

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