

NURSE MIDWIFERY, MSN

Degree: Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

Field of Study: Nurse Midwifery

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		Hours
NURS 405	Inquiry I - Theoretical Foundations	2
NURS 453	Advanced Pathophysiology	4
Hours		6
Spring		Hours
NURS 459	Advanced Health Assessment	3
NURS 425	Inquiry II - Research Process	3
Hours		6
Summer		Hours
NURS 502	Inquiry III Evidence-Based Practice	2
NURS 444A	Ethical Issues in Advanced Nursing Practice	1
Hours		3

Second Year

Fall		Hours
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		Hours
NURS 451	Leadership for Quality Healthcare within Organizations and Systems	3

NURS 455	The Childbearing Family	4
NURS 430	Advanced Pharmacology	3
Hours		10
Summer		Hours
NURS 559	Primary Care for Women's Health Providers	4
Hours		4
Third Year		Hours
Fall		Hours
NURS 457	Labor and Birth	5
NURS 416	Integrated Assessment of the Neonate for Midwives	1
Hours		6
Spring		Hours
NURS 557	Advanced Midwifery	6
NURS 431	Psychosocial and Spiritual Dimensions of Advanced Nursing Practice	2
Hours		8
Total Hours		49