

WOMEN'S HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER, MSN

Degree: Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)
Field of Study: Women's Health Nurse Practitioner

Program Overview

Women's Health Nurse Practitioners (WHNPs) are experts in woman-focused health promotion and disease prevention. As specialists, WHNPs deliver comprehensive health care to women, with emphasis on reproductive and gynecologic health needs. They provide well-woman care, care during and after pregnancy, and care before and after menopause. They also care for women experiencing episodic acute or chronic illnesses. WHNPs see a broad range of patients in practice settings that include primary care centers, adolescent health centers, and private practice.

Major Requirements

The WHNP major, as part of FPB's MSN program, requires 38 credit hours of coursework, plus 600 hours of clinicals. With full-time enrollment, coursework is usually completed within 12 months (four semesters). Core MSN courses are offered in an intensive format that requires limited trips to Cleveland.

Sample Plan of Study

First Year

Spring		Hours
NURS 405	Inquiry I - Theoretical Foundations	2
NURS 459	Advanced Physical Assessment	3
NURS 431	Psychosocial and Spiritual Dimensions of Advanced Nursing Practice	2
NURS 444C	Health Policy Legislation and Legal Issues in Advanced Practice	1
Hours		8
Summer		
NURS 425	Inquiry II - Research Process *	3
NURS 444A	Ethical Issues in Advanced Nursing Practice *	1
Hours		4

Second Year

Fall		
NURS 453	Advanced Pathophysiology	4
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		10
Spring		
NURS 455	The Childbearing Family	4
NURS 430	Advanced Pharmacology	3

NURS 502	Inquiry III Evidence-Based Practice	2
Hours		9
Summer		
NURS 559	Primary Care for Women's Health Providers	4
NURS 451	Leadership for Quality Healthcare within Organizations and Systems	3
Hours		7
Total Hours		38