WOMEN'S HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Description and Outcomes

The Women's Health Nurse Practitioner (WHNP) Postgraduate Certificate is designed to prepare advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to deliver comprehensive, evidence-based care to women across the lifespan. This program option focuses on the unique physiological, emotional, and sociocultural needs of women, emphasizing reproductive, gynecologic, and primary care within a variety of clinical settings. Through a blend of rigorous academic coursework, advanced clinical training, and interdisciplinary collaboration, you will gain the skills necessary to promote and maintain women's health, manage acute and chronic conditions, and provide patient-centered reproductive care. The curriculum integrates foundational nurse practitioner (NP) competencies with specialized content in prenatal and postpartum care, contraception and family planning, fertility, menopause, and complex gynecologic conditions.

Note: the WHNP Postgraduate Certificate program is not available in all states. Refer to Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf) details. Prospective and current students must review Purdue Global's State Licensure and Certifications (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/about/accreditation/licensure-state-authorizations/) site to view program and state-specific licensure information.

Clinical Practice Experience

You will complete a clinical practice experience designed to provide the opportunity for application of theoretical knowledge while working with a designated, qualified preceptor. You will have required immersive learning experiences that are embedded in specific courses.

Refer to the School of Nursing's Progression Requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/graduate/nursing/) section for additional requirements for clinical and practicum experiences.

Program Length

The WHNP Postgraduate Certificate program consists of a minimum of 60 quarter credit hours. Upon successful completion of this program, you will be awarded a certificate.

Program Outcomes

1. Synthesize theory and research-based knowledge that reflects the distinct and shared perspectives of nursing and other disciplines to form a foundation for clinical judgment and nursing practice.
2. Develop holistic, culturally competent, and compassionate person-centered care through the planning and management of evidence-based practice for individuals, families, and populations.
3. Design partnerships that create equitable health policy and determine the socioeconomic impact of population health management.
4. Integrate evidence from current and relevant scholarly research that contributes to optimal, ethical, and equitable care delivery.
5. Create a culture of safety that incorporates evidence-based practice principles in quality care delivery for patients by the health care team while in the clinical setting.
6. Apply principles of effective team leadership to foster interprofessional collaboration and communication that reflect shared values among health care partners.
7. Differentiate levels of clinical judgment within complex health care systems to coordinate cost-effective resources to provide safe, quality, and equitable care to diverse populations.
8. Analyze information and communication technologies to deliver effective care and improve outcomes for patients, communities, and populations in accordance with ethical, legal, professional, and regulatory standards.
9. Show professionalism through the delivery of diverse, equitable, and inclusive nursing care while maintaining accountability to all legal, societal, and professional norms that are reflected within the professional codes of nursing.
10. Formulate leadership practices that promote a commitment to fostering personal well-being, resiliency, flexibility, and professional maturity while supporting the nursing profession.

Program Availability

For program availability, please refer to the U.S. State and Other Approvals (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/accreditation-approvals-memberships/) section and Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf).

Policies

Admissions Requirements

You must meet the below admissions requirements in addition to Purdue Global's general requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/).

You must have an approved criminal background check (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/). The criminal background check must not contain information that would prohibit you from being licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse and/or being granted prescriptive authority under your state's Nurse Practice Act.

You must have a master's degree with a major in nursing or a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher from an accredited institution. Refer to the Admissions Requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/) for more information on prior degree submission.

Progression Requirements

1. You will complete clinical courses as part of the requirements for this program. You are required to follow University Catalog and School of Nursing Handbook (https://sites.google.com/purdueglobal.edu/nursingresources/clinical-student-handbooks/) requirements for your program in completion of your clinical courses.
2. You must submit all credit for prior learning to the School of Nursing for review and approval.
3. You must complete immersive learning experiences.
4. Depending on your state's educational requirements for licensure, you may be required to complete additional clinical hours beyond the standard program requirements. If you are a resident of an affected state, the School of Nursing will notify you and enroll you in NU820A Graduate Extension Course to complete the additional clinical hours

necessary to meet your state-specific licensure requirements during your final clinical term.

The University will not charge tuition for the extension course; however, if you are unable to complete the additional clinical hours during your final term in the program, you will need to enroll for a subsequent term to complete the clinical hours and will be required to pay the standard resource fee for that term.

Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams

Certification and licensure boards have state-specific educational requirements for programs that lead to a license or certification that is a precondition for employment. Prospective and current students must review Purdue Global's State Licensure and Certifications (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/about/accreditation/licensure-state-authorizations/) site to view program and state-specific licensure information.

Licensure-track programs may limit enrollment to students in certain states; please see Purdue Global's Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf) to determine enrollment eligibility.

You are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. Such requirements may change during the course of your program. You are not automatically certified in any way upon program completion. Although certain programs are designed to prepare you to take various optional certification exams, Purdue Global cannot guarantee you will be eligible to take these exams or become certified. Your eligibility may depend on your work experience, completion of education and/or degree requirements, not having a criminal record, and meeting other certification requirements.

If eligible, upon completion of the WHNP Postgraduate Certificate, you may sit for the National Certification Corporation (NCC) Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner Board Certification (WHNP-BC®) exam. After earning the certification, you are academically prepared to apply for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse in any state in which the program is available for enrollment. Prospective and current students must review Purdue Global's State Licensure and Certifications (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/about/accreditation/licensure-state-authorizations/) site to view program and state-specific licensure information.

Please note that most states require nurses to be nationally certified and to have completed an accredited graduate nursing program in order to obtain licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse. Each national certification provider and state Board of Nursing will have eligibility requirements in addition to these educational requirements, such as passing a criminal background check. It is your responsibility to determine whether you will be eligible for state Board of Nursing approval and certification as an advanced practice registered nurse in your state. Please visit the following websites for more information:

- National Council of State Boards of Nursing: https://www.ncsbn.org/contact-bon.htm
- National Certification Corporation (NCC): https://www.nccwebsite.org/

Degree Plan

The icon appears in the title of traditional courses that are also available as a set of module courses. Module course availability may be limited to certain academic calendars. See Course Types *(https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/approach-to-learning/) for information about module courses.*

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
NU551	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan	5
NU552	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning	5
NU553	Advanced Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapeutics	5
NU566	NP I - Introduction to Primary Care for the Nurse Practitioner	5
NU576	NP II - Primary Care of Women's Health	5
NU577	NP II Clinical - Women's Health Focus	5
NU680	Gynecological, Reproductive, and Sexual Health	5
NU681	Women's Health Practicum I	5
NU682	Childbearing Family	5
NU683	Women's Health Practicum II	5
NU684	Obstetrical Care	5
NU685	Women's Health Practicum III	5
TOTAL CREDITS		**60**