



*Women's Health Nurse Practitioners
Outstanding Clinicians.
Prepared to care for the women of our world.*

**Master of Science
Women's Health Nurse Practitioner**

The Master of Science Degree Program in Nursing at the University of Massachusetts Amherst builds on previous nursing education and clinical experience to prepare students for advanced practice. It also lays a foundation for doctoral education.

The Women's Health Nurse Practitioner (WHNP) concentration, in collaboration with Baystate Medical Center Midwifery Education Program, prepares nurses to provide primary care to women across the lifespan from adolescence to old age. It focuses on the uniqueness of the woman within the context of her community, her relationship with others, and her environment.

The WHNP student develops the skills needed to provide care to women from a variety of cultural and socio-economic backgrounds by offering opportunities to practice in diverse national and international settings. The program culminates with an independent clinical study where the student creates a unique clinical experience to explore an area of special interest.

This program addresses the competencies and knowledge specified by the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties and for the Women's Health Nurse Practitioner certification exam. The School of Nursing program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

**Women's Health Nurse Practitioner
Program Objectives**

Provide health promotion and disease prevention services to patients who are healthy or have acute and chronic conditions.

Recognize cultural and spiritual issues and interact with patients while attending to the patient's response to the illness experience.

Use an evidence-based approach to patient management to diagnose and manage acute and chronic conditions in collaboration with the multidisciplinary health care team.

Educate, negotiate and evaluate a mutually acceptable plan of care with patients in a climate of trust and support.

Incorporate professional/legal/ethical standards into practice.

Advocate for the nurse practitioner role to the public, legislators, policy-makers, and other health care professions.

Use business and management strategies for the provision of quality care and efficient use of resources.

Admission Criteria

Students must meet the general requirements of both the University of Massachusetts Amherst Graduate School and the Graduate School of Nursing. The applicant must be a registered nurse from a nationally accredited school of nursing and have a baccalaureate degree.

1. GPA of 3.0 or above (if below 3.0 the applicant may still apply, but may wish to submit Graduate Record Exam scores)
2. Official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate programs attended.
3. TOEFL scores (if needed)
4. Evidence of Health Assessment course.
5. Evidence of Elementary Statistics course.
6. Sample of scholarly writing
7. Written statement of professional goals.
8. Two letters of recommendation.

Course Requirements

The MS/WHNP concentration requires 48 credit hours of course work and provides 632 hours of clinical practicum. All courses are sponsored by the School of Nursing or Baystate Medical Center Midwifery Education Program.

Credit Transfer

Students who have taken non-degree courses at the University of Massachusetts Amherst may transfer a maximum of six credit hours from these courses. Up to six additional credits may be transferred from institutions other than the University of Massachusetts Amherst. These courses must have been taken within the last five years and a grade of B or better achieved. The completion of graduate courses taken as a non-degree student does not guarantee admission into the program. Students admitted and matriculated into the program may enroll in all courses; non-degree students may enroll on a space-available basis. Only matriculated students may enroll in clinical practicum.

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Master of Science Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Requirements for Graduation

Plan of Study (subject to change)

Summer I

Theoretical Components of Nursing Science (online) 3cr

Fall I

Advanced Health Assessment	3 cr
Practicum for Advanced Health Assessment And Clinical Reasoning	1 cr
Advanced Pathophysiology	3 cr
Advanced Pharmacology	3 cr

Spring I

Pharmacotherapeutics	3 cr
Foundations of Ambulatory Women's Health (Baystate Midwifery Ed. Course)	2 cr
Advanced Ambulatory Women's Health (Baystate Midwifery Ed. Course)	2 cr
Primary Health Care of Adults	3 cr

Summer II

Ambulatory Women's Health Practicum	2 cr
Advanced Women's Health Practicum	2 cr

Fall II

WHNP Seminar	1 cr
Principles of Epidemiology	3 cr
Independent Study Clinical	3 cr
Advanced Clinical Practicum	3 cr

Spring II

Research Seminar	3 cr
Advanced Clinical Practicum	2 cr
Research Methodology in Nursing (online)	3 cr
Leadership (online)	3 cr

Part-time study is available.

Financial Aid

Students are eligible to compete for University-wide financial aid, including assistantships and Stafford Student loans.

For more information check out our website at www.umass.edu/nursing.