



University of Washington School of Nursing

Neonatal Nurse Practitioner

Master of Nursing (MN)
Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
Post Graduate Option

Program Overview

The University of Washington's School of Nursing is consistently ranked the number one nursing school in the United States. Faculty includes leaders in research as well as practicing clinicians. The neonatal nurse practitioner (NNP) education program is part of the Department of Family and Child Nursing. We have been educating neonatal nurse practitioners since the 1970s. Our graduates are practicing in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska, as well as in many other states.

Neonatal nurse practitioners provide care to low and high-risk neonates, on a continuum from well infants to infants with acute and chronic health problems, and their families, in a variety of health care settings. The NNP manages a caseload of infants in collaboration and consultation with other health care providers. Other aspects of the role may include staff and parent education, consultation, and research.

The curriculum is designed to provide neonatal nurse practitioner students with a solid foundation in clinical science, evidence-based practice, methods of systematic inquiry and professional leadership skills. Students gain exposure to rich and diverse clinical learning opportunities through placement with collaborative community preceptors.

Upon successful completion of the neonatal nurse practitioner education program, graduates are eligible to take the National Certification Corporation (NCC) Neonatal Nurse Practitioner certification examination.

Degree Options

RNs with a BS or BA have the option to pursue neonatal nurse practitioner preparation with an MN or DNP degree. Nurses who already have a graduate degree can get NNP preparation via an individualized post-graduate option.

Full-time, part-time and distance learning options available.

Distance Learning

The neonatal nurse practitioner program has received funding to institute a *technology-enhanced distance learning* program to make NNP education much more available to students who live outside the greater Seattle area! This program is designed to allow students who live in distant communities to complete their NNP education while remaining in their home community. The distance program integrates distance-accessible courses with on-campus meetings two to three times per quarter and clinical placements with local NNP practices.

Clinical Practice

Clinical practice is arranged with expert clinical preceptors in level II or III neonatal intensive care units (NICU), well newborn areas and NICU follow-up clinics. The curriculum is sequential and progression is based upon mastery of each quarter's content and skills.

Sample Full-time Schedule for MN

Year 1

Autumn	Winter	Spring	Summer
NURS 514	NSG 510	NURS 514	NSG 514
NURS 531C	NURS 531C	NURS 511	NURS 528
NURS 531E	NURS 558	NCLIN 512	NCLIN 512
NCLIN 515	NMETH 520	PHARM 502	PHARM 514
NSG 522			

Year 2

Autumn	Winter
NCLIN 512	NCLIN512
Project or thesis	Project or thesis

Core Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Courses

- NSG 510 (5 cr) Management Neonatal Problems
- NSG 522 (3 cr) Life Span Physiology/Pathophys
- NSG 514 (2 cr) Integrating Care and Culture
- NURS 511 (3 cr) Seminar in Neonatal Nursing
- NURS 514 (5 cr) Physiologic Adaptations (series)
- NURS 531E (3 cr) Problems in Perinatal Care
- NURS 528 (3 cr) Embryology & Genetics
- NURS 531C (2 cr) Professional Issues/Roles
- NURS 558 (3 cr) Infancy in Context
- PHARM 502 (3 cr) Neonatal Drug Therapy
- PHARM 514 (2 cr) Perinatal Pharmacology
- NMETH 520 (4 cr) Research Methods
- NCLIN 515 (3 cr) Health Assessment
- NCLIN 512 (20 cr) Advanced Practicum

MN students complete a scholarly project or thesis. The DNP program includes the courses listed above required for certification as a NNP plus additional coursework in leadership (15 cr) and practice inquiry (30 cr) including a capstone project.

What students are saying about the University of Washington School of Nursing's Graduate Programs?

"The lecturers were extremely knowledgeable which was clear from their teaching methods and their communication skills."

"The programs of study offer flexible course schedules via distance learning and web support."

"The learning facilities are very easy for students to access and provide excellent service."

"I will definitely use the knowledge I've gained from this program and have confidence in my abilities to be a competent and thorough practitioner."



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Student Fiscal Services

For information regarding tuition and related fees, scholarships and financial aid, and student loans: www.son.washington.edu/students/all_financialaid.asp

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