

DNP- WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Program Philosophy

The Nursing Graduate Programs at Walsh University prepare advanced generalist nurses to assume leadership positions in a variety of roles. We believe that it is the responsibility of the faculty to provide an environment that stimulates the learner to think critically, communicate effectively and act compassionately. We hold the ideal of providing quality care to clients and fulfilling our responsibility as contributing members of the profession and society.

Walsh's DNP curriculum builds on traditional MSN program content by providing education in evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and systems leadership, as well as relevant content in other key areas. Each student is challenged to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to meet client needs in a variety of health care settings. Students in the PM DNP Women's Reproductive Health program will apply specialized knowledge in cycle charting and ovulatory patterns to provide reproductive and gynecologic healthcare to women from puberty to menopause, in alignment with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Program Goals

To provide excellence in nursing education grounded in the human experience. The Gary and Linda Byers School of Nursing prepares the graduate to practice nursing within the framework of Judeo-Christian values promoting health in diverse communities.

DNP Program Outcomes

- Practice at the highest level of clinical nursing by integrating and applying knowledge from the sciences within the fields of organizational management, ethics, health policy, and information technology.
- Demonstrate leadership skills in organizational and health systems management to improve the safety and quality of health care.
- Apply analytical skills and translational science methodologies to practice-focused scholarship.
- Provide leadership in interdisciplinary collaborative teams to improve health outcomes for individuals, populations, and systems.
- Utilize strategies of risk reduction, illness prevention, health promotion, and health maintenance for individuals and populations.
- Develop skills in the analysis and shaping of health care policy that supports health.
- Demonstrate skill in the application of ethical decision-making frameworks to resolve ethical dilemmas.

DNP - Women's Reproductive Health Track Options

- Demonstrate expertise in advanced practice nursing through mastery of specialized areas of knowledge relative to women's reproductive health.
- Integrate professional, legal, moral, and ethical standards in the care of patients within the practice of women's reproductive health.
- Demonstrate advanced knowledge of Women's Reproductive Health culminating in certification as a Fertility Education and Medical Management (FEMM) Medical Provider.

Global Experience

While enrolled in the program, students may participate in the Byers School of Nursing's global experience(s). The student is advised to seek

more information on global experiences from the Graduate Program Director of the Office of Global Learning.

Admission Requirements for DNP- Women's Reproductive Health

- A current unencumbered Registered Nurse license(s) RN licensure in Georgia and Alabama required.
- Current certification and licensure as a Family Nurse Practitioner, Women's Health Nurse Practitioner or Nurse Midwife.
- Official transcripts documenting a baccalaureate degree and master's degree in Nursing from a program accredited by a national organization responsible for nursing accreditation (Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACNE), Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or their equivalent). Transcripts should document a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale on all undergraduate and graduate coursework.
- Completion of a 3 credit undergraduate or graduate Statistics course with an earned grade of B or above.
- Two professional letters of recommendation supporting the applicant's potential for success in the Doctoral program. Recommendations will be accepted from direct supervisors/managers, faculty, nurse leaders and/or preceptors. Recommenders must be able to address the applicant's potential for success in a graduate nursing program. Recommendations will not be accepted from family or friends.
- Resume or CV with application that includes work experience, educational, leadership and professional organization activities, and scholarly activities including publications, presentations, research, honors, and awards.
- An essay/personal statement of a maximum of 1000 words that addresses the following (Please be thorough and concise with a minimum of two and a maximum of four, double spaced pages 12 font essay).
 - Discuss your personal and professional reasons for seeking the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) role at this time and how furthering your education will influence your practice as a clinical leader. Please include the following:
 - Explain your understanding of the DNP role and why you are interested in this particular role.
 - Describe your personal strengths and experiences (leadership roles, nursing experience, and community service) that will contribute to your success in graduate school.
 - Identify 1-2 long-term goals and how seeking an advanced nursing degree will support these goals.
 - Describe an area of interest in women's reproductive health that could be a topic for your future DNP Project.
- Official confirmation of clinical hours completed in master's program.

*An interview with faculty will be required.

Code	Title	Hours
DNP- Women's Reproductive Health Track		
NURS 701	Nurs Sci Adv Pract:Theor/Found	3
NURS 702	Advanced Nursing Research	3
NURS 705	App of Epidemiol to Hlth Serv	3
NURS 706	Hlth Care Policy, Organ/Financ	3
NURS 708	Translat Evid to Clinl Pract	2
NURS 710	Nurs Role & Ethics for Clin Do	3
NURS 718	Hlctr Tech & Data Mgmt	3

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MBA 723	Healthcare Finance/Economics	3
NURS 723	Fund/Princ of WRH I	3
NURS 724	Fund/Princ of WRH II	3
NURS 726	Residency Pract.in WRH I	3
NURS 727	Residency Pract.in WRH II	3
NURS 728	Residency Pract.in WRH III	3
NURS 731	DNP Project	1-4
Total Hours		39-42