

## Department of Graduate Nursing

The MUW Department of Graduate Nursing was established in 1974 to offer programs of study leading to the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree.

As the first nurse practitioner program in the state, this historic department has maintained full nursing accreditation status since its initial accreditation.

Currently there are three clinical tracks leading to eligibility to sit for national board certification as a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), a Geriatric Nurse Practitioner (GNP) and a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners (PMHNP). Classes usually meet on Mondays (according to the academic calendar) with some Tuesday workshops.

There are also two post-master certificate options: one for individuals who are not nurse practitioners but hold a Master of Science in Nursing degree (the MSN-RN option), and one for nurse practitioners who hold a Master of Science in Nursing degree but are nationally certified in another specialty (the MSN-NP option).

The Department of Graduate Nursing programs are 12 months in length and include 39 graduate credit hours required for a master's degree. No more than six semester hours of approved course work may be transferred for credit.

For the post-master options, required coursework is decided following review of coursework from graduate transcript and remaining deficiencies identified during the interview.

Clinical experiences are primarily arranged in the learner's geographic area by graduate faculty and total 672 hours. The ratio of clinical credit hours to practice time is set at a 1:4 for assessment and 1:4.5 for the practice courses ratio in the graduate nursing curriculum.

Advanced Pathophysiology is a prerequisite course offered on the MUW campus during **Spring semester only**

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