

# MSN Adult Primary and Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner (NP): Dual Track

## College of Nursing and Health

### About the Program

In accordance with the philosophy of Madonna University, the faculty of the Department of Nursing is committed to assisting students in the development of Christian humanistic values, a spirit of intellectual inquiry, openness to discovery of truth and readiness to serve others. The nursing department holds the core values of wellness, professionalism, caring, and a future focus as central to its culture.

Madonna University's nursing program has had continuous approval of the Michigan Board of Nursing and is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

### Specialty Track Overview

The dual specialty prepares the advanced practice nurse to diagnose and manage primary health needs of adults, especially those of the vulnerable, the underserved and diverse populations.

The curriculum addresses comprehensive health assessment of clients, disease management, guidance and counseling of individuals and families, and multidisciplinary collaboration and referral.

Advanced practice palliative care nursing serves patients, families, and caregivers during serious, progressive illnesses. Palliative care provides holistic care that focuses on disease management, symptom relief, emotional distress, care transitions, and loss.

### Credentialing

Graduates of this specialty are prepared to take two national specialty exams:

- Adult Nurse Practitioner (ANCC: American Nurses Credentialing Center, or AANP: American Academy of Nurse Practitioners)
- Hospice and Palliative Advanced Practice Nurse (National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses) (NBCHPN)

This renders the graduate eligible for Nurse Practitioner specialty certification by the Michigan Board of Nursing.

### Admission Requirements

Applicants for admission to the dual nurse practitioner specialty are evaluated based on the following:

1. Possession of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from an accredited program, with an overall undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
2. Satisfactory score on the GRE (Graduate Record Exam) for applicants with less than a 3.25 overall undergraduate grade point average.
3. Two completed recommendation forms from people who directly supervise your work in a nursing role or from health professionals who can assess your potential to provide palliative or primary health care and/or your potential for graduate studies.
4. Current resume.
5. Employment history: Significant work experience provides a basis for course assignments. It is recommended that students have meaningful professional nursing experience prior to and concurrent with enrolling in the program.
6. Current Michigan RN License.
7. Admission interview with the Chair of Nursing Graduate Programs. Prerequisite course work will be determined at this time.
8. Statement of goals for graduate education in dual specialty.
9. Criminal background clearance prior to clinical practicum courses.

### Transfer Students

Students may transfer up to 6 s. h. of credit, with departmental approval.

### Program Requirements (55 s.h.)

#### Nursing Core Courses (15 s.h.)

- NUR 5000: Theoretical Basis for Nursing Practice 3 s.h.  
NUR 5210: Influencing Power and Politics in Health Care (SOC) 3 s.h.  
NUR 5600: Professional Responsibilities in Health Care Organizations 3 s.h.  
NUR 5760\*: Disciplined Inquiry for Nursing Practice 3 s.h.

NUR 5850: Bridging Evidence and Practice 3 s.h.

#### Advanced Practice Core (15 s.h.)

\*BIO 5600: Advanced Human Pathophysiology 3 s.h.  
\*NUR 5250: Health Assessment and Promotion in Advanced Practice (includes laboratory and practicum) 6 s.h.

NUR 5350: Advanced Pharmacology 3 s.h.

NUR 5400: Integration of Advanced Nursing Knowledge and Roles in Practice 3 s.h.

#### Specialty Curricula (25 s.h.)

Adult Primary Care (13 s.h.)

NUR 5300: Community-based Primary Care of Adolescents and Adults (practicum) 4 s.h.

NUR 6500: Clinical Management of Chronic Conditions (practicum) 5 s.h.

NUR 6750: Clinical Management and Evaluation of Complex Health Problems (practicum) 4 s.h.

#### Adult Palliative Care (12 s.h.)

HSP 5010: Dimensions of Bereavement: Theory, Research, and Practice 3 s.h.

NUR 5011: Multidimensional Assessment in Palliative Care: Psychosocial and Bereavement Issues (practicum) 3 s.h.

NUR 6800: Advanced Clinical Management of Complex Symptoms and Syndromes in Palliative Care (practicum) 6 s.h.

#### Additional Research Option (4 s.h.)

NUR 6930: Nursing Research: Thesis 4 s.h.

#### \*Note Prerequisites:

For NUR 5250: Admission to an Advanced Practice Nursing specialty track; NUR 3040 or Equivalent within past 5 years; prerequisite or corequisite: BIO 5600. For BIO 5600: Completion of BIO 3700 or equivalent. For NUR 5760: One undergraduate or graduate course in statistics (equivalent to MTH 2350).



## For Admissions Information

Application and any transcripts are to be submitted directly to:

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## For Program Information

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## Tuition

The tuition rate for the 2006-2007 academic year is \$ 417.00 per graduate semester hour.

With tuition well below the national average for private universities, Madonna University is the most affordable independent liberal arts university in Michigan.

**NOTE:** One semester credit hour requires one clock hour in the classroom or three clock hours in practicum or laboratory per week of the semester.

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See Graduate Nursing Advisor/Graduate Studies Office for current information.

Madonna University guarantees the right to equal educational opportunity without discrimination because of race, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disabilities.

## Specialty Track Outcomes

At the conclusion of the program, the student is able to:

1. Demonstrate the specialized body of knowledge and clinical competencies needed to assume the roles of adult primary care and palliative care nurse practitioner.
2. Integrate theory, critical thinking skills, and habits of the mind into comprehensive clinical decision making responsibilities in caring for diverse populations including adolescents, adults, and persons facing life limiting illnesses in complex health care systems, including palliative and hospice care settings, through independent and collaborative primary and palliative care practices.
3. Engage in community-based primary and palliative care practice, viewed through the constellation of the family system, which assures quality care across the health-illness continuum that is ethically based and guided by Christian humanistic values.
4. Apply research and theory to promote access to cost-effective, quality care to assure improved health outcomes and quality of life for patients, communities, and systems and to foster personal and professional growth in collaborative, interdisciplinary practices.

## Graduate Faculty

**Phyllis Brenner**, Nursing; B.S., Boston University; M.S., University of Colorado; M.A. (Management), Claremont Graduate University; Ph.D., Wayne State University; CNA, BC (ANCC).

**Kathleen Cross**, Nursing; B.S.N., M.S.N., M.Ed., Ph.D., Wayne State University.

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