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Eleanor Wade Custer School of Nursing



School of Nursing 2022 Graduate Programs



MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Health care challenges are becoming increasingly more apparent in communities and in populations nationally as well as globally. Many of these challenges occur due to complexities within health care systems and insufficient numbers of health care providers, as well as the social determinants of health, education, economics and policy.

The world needs board-certified advanced practice nurses (nurse practitioners and nurse-midwives) to provide access to quality health care for diverse populations. Our current shortage of advanced health care providers is not going to resolve anytime soon, so the need for such providers is increasing at an alarming rate.

It is clearly evident, time and time again, that nurses are the true heroes, working the front lines, changing and improving the health of all they encounter. After more than 50 distinguished years, Shenandoah University's Eleanor Wade Custer School of Nursing continues its strong legacy of preparing and challenging students to reach not only for professional excellence, but also for personal excellence.

Our faculty all have clinical/advanced practice expertise that they are truly excited to share with you. Our faculty will present clinical cases from their own practices to prepare you for making critical decisions as well as prepare you for the challenges of health care in the future. I am so very proud of all of our programs' graduates and cannot wait to meet you and assist you in achieving your goal of becoming an advanced practice nurse.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa M. Levinson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa Levinson, MSN, RN
Interim Dean and Professor
Eleanor Wade Custer School of Nursing

Advancing Your Career

You're an experienced nurse seeking to advance your credentials. Shenandoah University's Eleanor Wade Custer School of Nursing offers top-rated graduate programs that are convenient, affordable and flexible. The School of Nursing is in the process of seeking approval to offer all programs in a fully online format with synchronous class meetings unless otherwise noted below.

Graduate Programs

ADVANCED PRACTICE PROGRAMS

- **Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)** with options in:
 - **Family Nurse Practitioner**
 - **Nurse-Midwifery** online with a 5-day intensive on-site visit in the fall and spring semesters
 - **Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner**

DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

- **Post-Baccalaureate Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)** with options in:
 - **Family Nurse Practitioner**
 - **Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner**
- **Post-Graduate DNP**

POST-GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

- **Family Nurse Practitioner**
- **Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner**
- **Nurse-Midwifery** online with a 5-day intensive on-site visit in the fall and spring semesters.

Continuing Education

- **Faith Community/Parish Nursing**





Why Shenandoah?

Flexible and Convenient Programs

Our innovative, community-based curriculum is designed specifically to help you achieve your professional development goals.

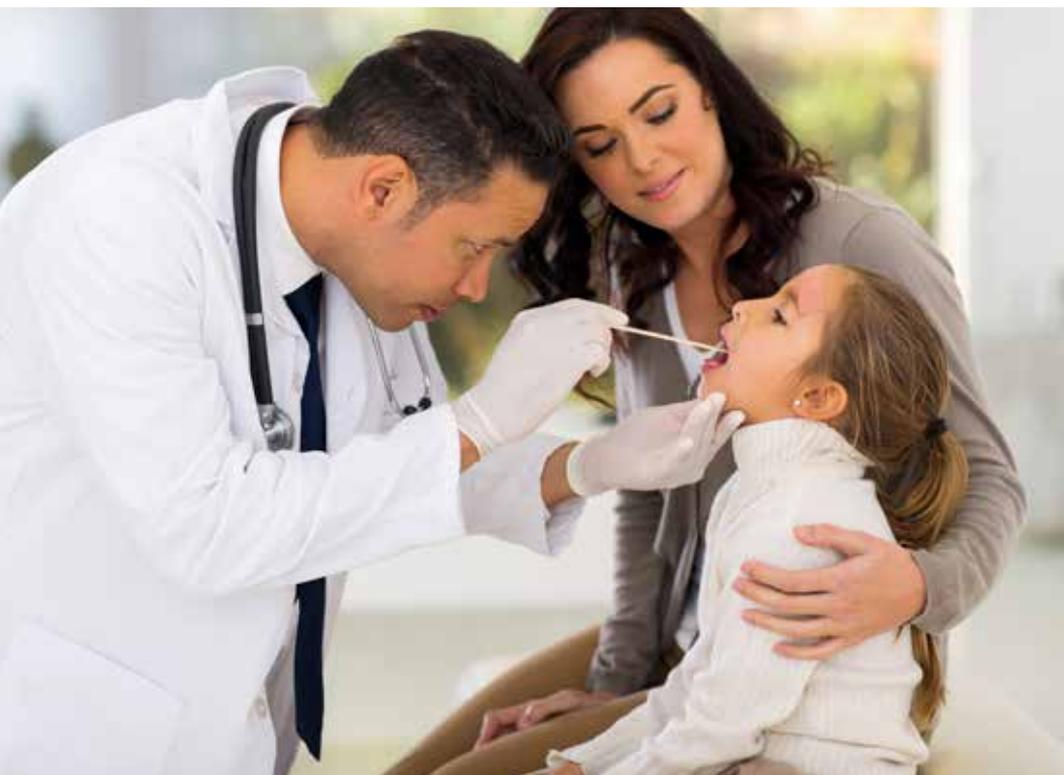
The mission of the Eleanor Wade Custer School of Nursing is to educate lifelong learners who provide holistic care and promote wellness inspired by global health ideals.

Faculty Mentors Make the Difference

You'll benefit from close relationships with faculty members who mentor you in and out of the classroom. This remains a hallmark of a Shenandoah University nursing education. You will study with other working professionals under the guidance of highly skilled nurse faculty. Your learning experience will be collaborative and interactive, and you can expect to integrate your skills within interprofessional teams composed of other graduate health students and faculty members.

“The biggest reason why I decided to come back to Shenandoah University to pursue my doctorate is because the nursing faculty here are amazing – they're phenomenal. It is about quality. It is about that face-to-face encounter with you. If you need help, they are there. It's not like a large, huge university where you're just one in a thousand. You are number one. So if you need help every week, every day, or if you just need help every so often, they are there for you. I really do feel like I was valued, heard, and acknowledged.”

– Gina Stevens '10, '20, RN
Doctor of Nursing Practice program
Front Royal, Virginia



Shenandoah has...

Strong Partnerships

We have developed strong, collaborative relationships with many regional hospitals, including Valley Health in the Northern Shenandoah Valley and the Inova Health System in Northern Virginia.

A Reputation for Nursing Excellence

Shenandoah enjoys a strong reputation locally, statewide and nationally. Our nursing graduates are recognized within the health care community as knowledgeable, capable and able to excel in the workplace.

Exceptional Facilities

State-of-the-art laboratories and technology-rich classroom spaces abound in both of our teaching locations:

- Health & Life Sciences Building on main campus in Winchester, VA
- the Inova Center for Personalized Health in Fairfax, Virginia

Our facilities include cutting-edge simulation suites configured to emulate a variety of health care spaces, house several health professions programs and encourage interprofessional collaboration, with an eye toward creating the highly collaborative and evidence-based health care teams of the future.

“I could learn online from my home, so it was really great for me because I'm a mom, I'm still working, and I was still able to go to school and complete my degree and finish my dream.”

– Briana Powell '20 MSN, RN
Post-Master's Certificate in Nurse-Midwifery
Flandreau, South Dakota



Master of Science in Nursing

Family Nurse Practitioner

45 credits/600 clinical hours

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN): Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program is designed to provide nurses with the necessary knowledge, skills, and experiences to assume the role of a primary health care provider in a variety of clinical settings. Didactic and clinical course content focuses on the assessment and management of health promotion and health maintenance strategies, risk reduction, and common acute and chronic alterations in health status for individuals and families across the lifespan. The program can be completed in seven semesters.

Nurse-Midwifery

49 credits/720 clinical hours + experiences

Nurse-midwives are advanced practice nurses who provide family-centered primary health care to women throughout their reproductive lives, including counseling and care during pre-conception, pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum periods. Midwifery is one of the most rewarding advanced practice nursing occupations, allowing you to gently and naturally aid the childbirth process and address women's general health care. Shenandoah's Master of Science in Nurse-Midwifery prepares you with the necessary skills and knowledge to lead the profession in the promotion of high-quality midwifery care, expand knowledge through research and evaluate and revise care through quality assurance. The program can be completed full-time in two years.



Master of Science in Nursing Continued

Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

46 credits/600 clinical hours

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN): Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) program is designed to provide the nurse with the necessary knowledge, skills, values, meanings and experiences to assume the role of a PMHNP in a variety of clinical settings. The program consists of didactic and clinical course content essential to provide psychotherapy to individuals, families and groups within hospitals and community settings. Differential diagnoses, health promotion and psychotropic medication management (prescriptive authority) for the psychiatric mental-health patient is addressed in this curriculum. The program can be completed in seven semesters.

Clinical Experiences

We will work with you to find appropriate clinical placements.





Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

Shenandoah University's School of Nursing offers both BSN-to-DNP and Post-Master's DNP degrees.

Post-Baccalaureate Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

The Post-Baccalaureate Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) with an FNP or PMHNP specialty is designed to prepare individuals with the advanced knowledge, skills, and experiences to perform at the highest level of clinical nursing practice.

- **Family Nurse Practitioner**

The program can be completed in nine consecutive semesters at full-time status.

- **Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner**

The program can be completed in nine consecutive semesters at full-time status.

Post-Graduate Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

The Post-Graduate Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is designed to prepare individuals with the advanced knowledge, meanings and experiences to perform at the highest level of clinical nursing practice.

- 35 credits
- 500 clinical hours
- The program can be completed in six semesters

The Post-Graduate DNP program is open to all advanced practice registered nurses (nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, clinical nurse specialists, and certified registered nurse anesthetist) who hold a master's degree and are nationally certified as an APRN (NP, CNS), CNM or CRNA.

Clinical Experiences

We will work with you to find appropriate clinical placements.



Post-Graduate Certificates

Our post-graduate certificates are designed for registered nurses who already hold a Master of Science in Nursing.

Family Nurse Practitioner

23-28 credits/600 clinical hours

The Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate provides you with the necessary knowledge, skills and experiences to assume the role of a primary health care provider in a variety of clinical settings through both didactic and clinical courses. This program can be completed in five semesters.

Nurse-Midwifery

26 credits/720 clinical hours + experiences

Nurse-midwives are advanced practice nurses who provide family-centered primary health care to women throughout their reproductive lives, including counseling and care during pre-conception, pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum periods. Midwifery is one of the most rewarding advanced practice nursing occupations, allowing you to gently and naturally aid the childbirth process and address women's general health care. This program can be completed in three semesters.

Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

24-29 credits/600 clinical hours

The psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner serves as an educator, consultant, prescriber, therapist and researcher to enhance life quality for individuals with mental illness, and to prevent mental illness in high-risk populations such as children, the elderly and those with co-occurring medical illness and/or substance abuse. This program can be completed in five semesters.

Clinical Experiences

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Accreditation Information

The master's degree in nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice, and post-graduate APRN certificates at Shenandoah University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, D.C., 20001, 202-877-6791.

The master's degree in nurse-midwifery and post-graduate certificate in nurse-midwifery are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME), 8403 Colesville Road, Suite 1550, Silver Spring, MD, 20910, 240-485-1800.

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