

NURSE-MIDWIFERY, MSN

We prepare you for a midwifery practice focused on providing family-centered, comprehensive care to essentially healthy women and their families. We believe that the autonomous practice of nurse practitioners/midwives is based on the health promotion model and interdependent practice—a system that emphasizes the unique aspects each health professional brings to the care of a client. To develop well-rounded midwives, we offer courses ranging from advanced physiology and pathophysiology to the use of ultrasonography during pregnancy. We also cover public policy, complementary therapies, and fetal evaluation. You'll become a highly competent clinician, and an effective and a culturally sensitive patient advocate while learning to manage a team within the varied systems of healthcare delivery.

Your clinical work can be completed in hospitals, birthing centers, and in home birth experiences, as well as abroad through international study opportunities.

Our graduates go on to become home-birth practitioners, birth center practice directors, directors of midwifery educational programs, and directors of CNM services in large teaching and small community hospitals.

For more information: <https://www.nursing.upenn.edu/nurse-midwifery/>

Curriculum

A total of 17 course units are required. Plans of study are available for both full-time (<https://www.nursing.upenn.edu/nurse-midwifery/plans-of-study/full-time/>) and part-time (<https://www.nursing.upenn.edu/nurse-midwifery/plans-of-study/part-time/>) students.

Code	Title	Course Units
Core Courses		
NURS 6070	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	1
NURS 6080	Advanced Pharmacology and Therapeutics for Nursing Practice	1
NURS 6370	Introduction to Research Methods and Design ¹	1
or NURS 5470	Scientific Inquiry for Evidence-based Practice	
NURS 6570	Advanced Physical Assessment and Clinical Decision Making	1
NURS 5400	Current Issues In Health and Social Policy	1
Theory Courses		
NURS 6880	Complementary/Alternative Therapies in Women's Health	1
NURS 6930	Professional Issues in Midwifery	1
NURS 7430	Fetal Evaluation	1
NURS 7810	Well Women Health Care, Theory	1
NURS 7830	Health Care of Childbearing Women, Theory	1
NURS 7870	Intrapartum / Postpartum / Newborn Care, Theory	1
Clinical Courses		
NURS 7800	Health Care of Women and Primary Care	1
NURS 7820	Well Women Health Care, Clinical	1
NURS 7840	Health Care of Childbearing Women, Clinical	1

NURS 7850	Integration I	1
NURS 7860	Integration II: Midwifery Integration	1
NURS 7880	Intrapartum / Postpartum / Newborn Care, Clinical	1

Total Course Units 17

¹ The alternate course, NURS 5470 is a graduate-level research methods course approved for Penn BSN students only.

The midwifery program at the University of Pennsylvania is fully accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME), 8403 Colesville Road, Suite 1550, Silver Spring, MD 20910-6374; for information about accreditation please contact ACME directly. Tel: 240-485-1802, acme@acnm.org, www.midwife.org/acme (<http://www.midwife.org/acme/>).

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2024 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.