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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 to 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.

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



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 offers all programs in a fully online format with synchronous class meetings.

ADVANCED PRACTICE PROGRAMS

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) with options in:

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

POST-GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Family Nurse Practitioner online with potential in-person immersion experience during fall and spring semesters

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Nurse-Midwifery online asynchronous classes with a 5-day intensive on-site visit in the fall and spring semesters

DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

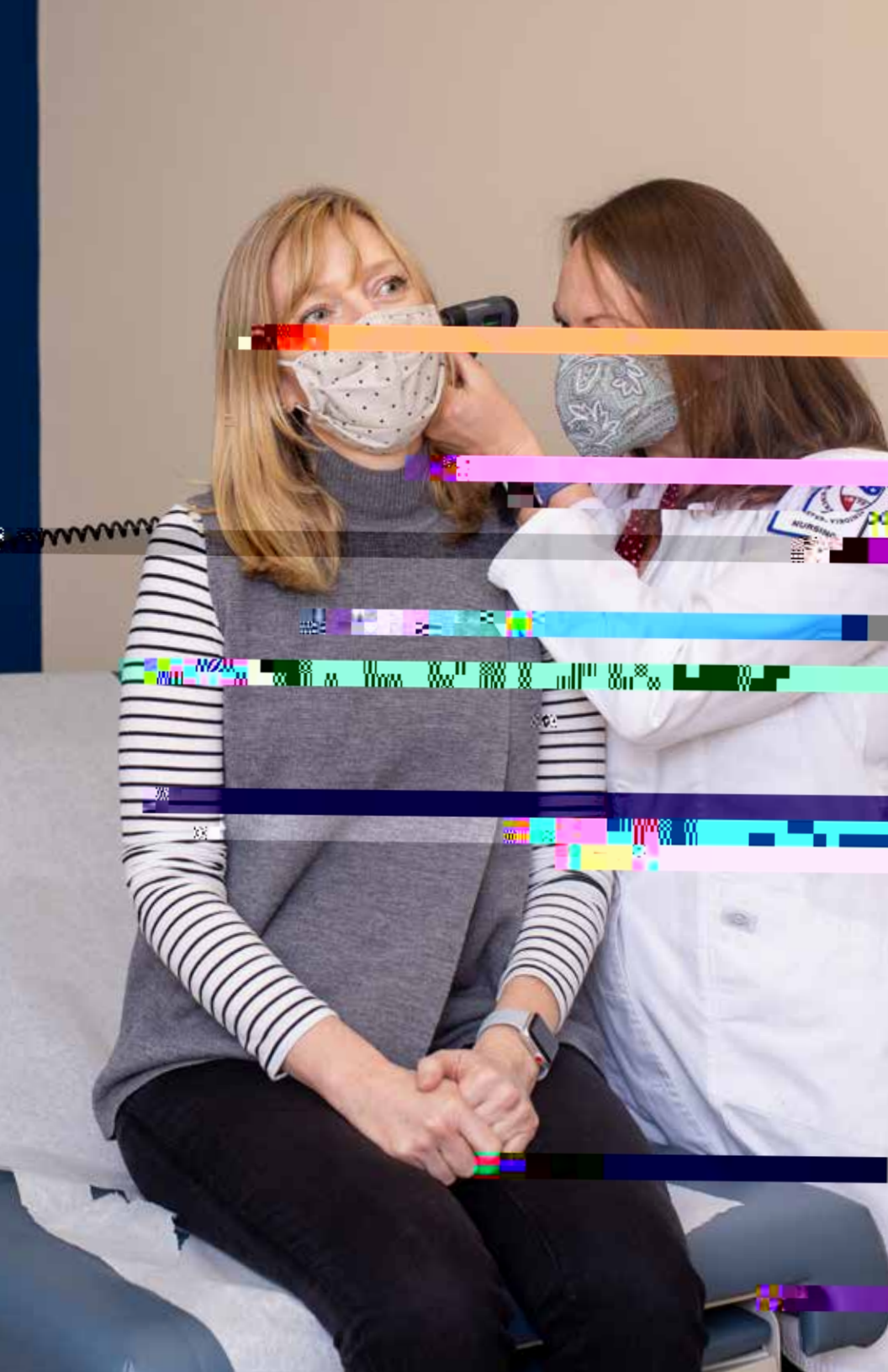
Post-Baccalaureate Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) with options in:

- **Family Nurse Practitioner**
- **Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner**

Post-Graduate DNP (asynchronous classes)

Continuing Education

Faith Community/Parish Nursing



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 evidence-based, compassionate, holistic care and promote wellness to diverse populations inspired by global health ideals.

You'll benefit from close relationships with faculty members who mentor you in and out of the classroom. This is 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.

– Tammy Martin '17, '22, DNP, NP-C, ACHPN
Palliative Supportive Care Nurse Practitioner



We have developed strong, collaborative relationships with many clinics (ambulatory, community, rural, and medically underserved populations), as well as regional hospitals, including Valley Health in the Northern Shenandoah Valley and the Inova Health System in Northern Virginia.

We enjoy

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

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN): Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN): Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program is designed to provide nurses with the necessary education, competencies 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 and cohorts are established annually in the fall.

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN): Nurse-Midwifery

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, postpartum and the neonatal period. Midwifery is one of the most rewarding advanced practice nursing occupations, providing you with the framework to promote physiologic birth and affirm the power and strength of individuals while addressing their general health care. Shenandoah's Master of Science in

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN): Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) program is designed to provide you with the necessary education, competencies, 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 are addressed in this curriculum. The program can be completed in seven semesters and cohorts are established annually in the fall.

How do we find clinical placements?

We work with you to find clinical placements. This collaborative process between the student and placement team asks students to submit at least three preceptor or site referrals.



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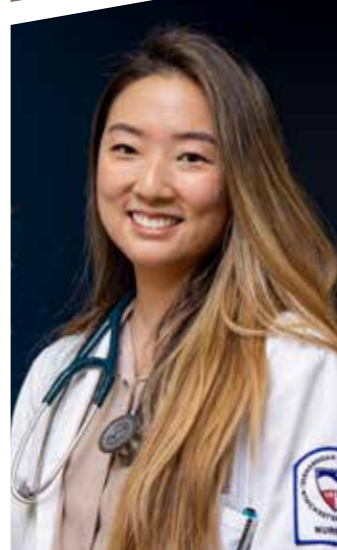
The Post-Graduate Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is designed to prepare individuals with the advanced knowledge, meanings and experiences to perform at the highest level of clinical nursing practice.

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 anesthetists) who hold a master's degree and are nationally certified as an APRN (NP, CNS), CNM or CRNA. The program can be completed in six semesters and cohorts are established annually in the fall.

Clinical Placements

We work with you to find clinical placements. This collaborative process between the student and placement team asks students to submit at least three preceptor or site referrals.

**Note: Due to changes in national standards, for students beginning clinicals in Fall 2024 or later, the clinical hours requirements will likely increase to at least 780 hours.*





Accreditation

The master's degrees in nursing, post-graduate APRN certificates, and Doctor of Nursing Practice 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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