

What is a certified **Women's Health Nurse Practitioner (WHNP-BC)?**



What is a WHNP?

A **Women's Health Nurse Practitioner (WHNP)** is an **Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)**, prepared at the **master's or doctoral level** to **provide holistic, client-centered primary care and specialized care for women**, and is inclusive of all gender identities, from puberty through the adult lifespan.

WHNPs command **comprehensive clinical expertise** — they provide primary, gynecological, and pre and postnatal care, order and interpret tests, make diagnoses, order treatment, perform procedures, and prescribe medications.

What services do certified **WHNPs** provide?

Routine and **complex** gynecologic, perinatal, sexual, reproductive, menopause transition, and post-menopause healthcare. In addition, their scope includes:

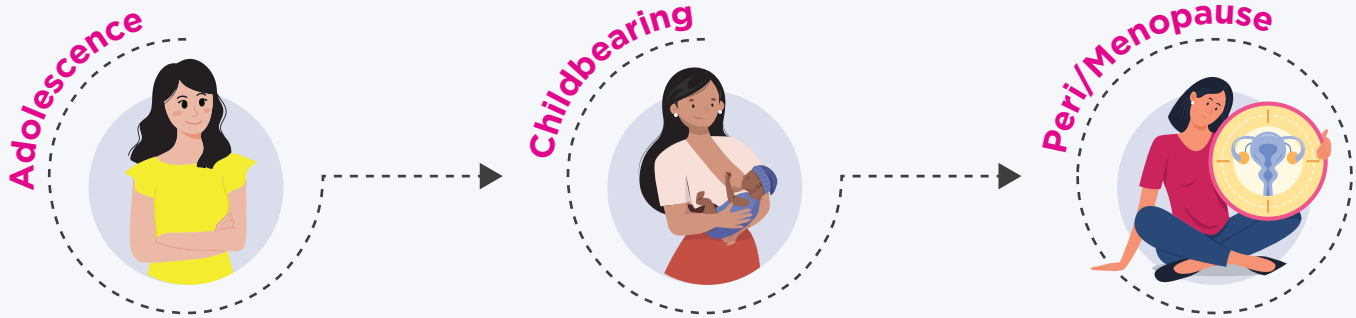
- ▶ **Uncomplicated** and **high-risk** antepartum and postpartum care
- ▶ Sexual and reproductive **healthcare for men**
- ▶ Care for uncomplicated non-gynecologic health problems
- ▶ Care that is **inclusive of all gender identities** and **respectful and responsive** to each client's values, needs, and preferences



Where & how do certified WHNPs provide care?

Comprehensive Women's Health Across a Lifespan

- ▶ Immunizations, STI Risk Reduction
- ▶ Substance Abuse Risk, Sexual Health
- ▶ Mental Health, Gender-Affirming Care
- ▶ Genetic Screening, Cardio Health
- ▶ Brain Health, Bladder Health
- ▶ Fitness & Nutrition



- ▶ Early Development Preconception & Family Planning
- ▶ Contraception
- ▶ High-Risk Pregnancy
- ▶ Prenatal & Postpartum Care
- ▶ Male Sexual and Reproductive health
- ▶ Infertility
- ▶ Complex GYN
- ▶ Concerns/Diagnoses
- ▶ Healthy Aging & Hormone Health
- ▶ Menopause

Primary Care of Women

WHNPs provide care in settings as diverse as, but not limited to:

- ▶ Private practice offices
- ▶ Community health centers
- ▶ Health departments
- ▶ Hospitals - inpatient & outpatient
- ▶ Family planning & Fertility clinics
- ▶ Rural health clinics
- ▶ Military & Veterans facilities
- ▶ Academic medical centers & Schools
- ▶ Correctional facilities
- ▶ HIV clinics
- ▶ Clients' homes via Telehealth
- ▶ FQHCs

WHNP-BC education includes:

- ▶ WHNPs provide care both **independently** and **collaboratively** as members of the healthcare team.
- ▶ WHNPs **provide leadership to improve women's healthcare and health outcomes** in practice settings, healthcare systems, and communities.
- ▶ They **provide consultation to other healthcare professionals** concerning the effects non-gynecologic health conditions and their treatment can have on reproductive and sexual health.

