

NEW COURSE INFORMATION

HIV/AIDS Specialty for Nurse Practitioners

First accepted students:
Fall 2014

Lead Faculty:
James “Les” Harmon,
DNP’12, RN, ANP-BC, AAHIVS
Associate Professor



The HIV/AIDS specialty is designed to prepare nurse practitioners to provide the full spectrum of primary care for people with HIV. In addition to the general NP curriculum, the HIV specialty students complete 392 clinical hours with a preceptor in an HIV clinical setting, along with course work in HIV clinical management; HIV psychosocial, political, legal and ethical issues; HIV epidemiology and pathogenesis; and HIV pharmacology.

According to Dr. Harmon,

“The first generation of HIV health care providers is now aging and retiring, and over time HIV has evolved into a manageable chronic disease. This has resulted in a workforce need for more health care providers skilled in both HIV and general primary care. Our program at Duke, which is the only distance-based program of its kind in the United States, is designed to fill that need.”



Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner

First accepted students:
Spring 2015

Lead Faculty:
Kathryn J. Trotter,
DNP’12, CNM, FNP-C,
FAANP, FAAN
Associate Professor

Already known to be comprehensive and rigorous, students remark how supportive it is at Duke with a mentorship program and fun on-campus group activities. The program’s coursework combines broad foundational and interdisciplinary knowledge with specialty knowledge essential for the unique

health needs of women. There are opportunities for adolescent population focus, infertility, high-risk pregnancy, lactation support and the women veteran population. This is the only program in the country which includes Centering Pregnancy® group facilitation training as part of the curriculum.

According to Dr. Trotter,

“Women’s health is so important to the health of children and families. Since women have unique needs and healthcare issues, this program fulfills the real need to educate providers who can assist to provide exceptional women’s healthcare.

I was motivated to accept the challenge of creating the Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner program by both my own passion to provide women’s healthcare, as well as hearing from several nurses in North Carolina, and current and previous nurse practitioner students who wanted more training in the field.”