SCHOOL OF NURSING WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

Frequently Asked Questions

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How are programs offered

On Ground

- Offered in 15-week semesters (enroll in one or two courses per semester)
- All graduate nursing courses are held in the evening, Monday - Thursday beginning at 5pm
- Most of the courses are face to face with only three courses fully online and hybrid
- Clinical courses require 170 hours to be completed in 15 weeks. This is roughly 12 hours per week

Online

- Offered in 7-week semesters
- one week off in between semesters (7 weeks) throughout the year
- Clinical courses require 170 hours to be completed in 7 weeks. This is roughly 25 hours per week

Which course/s do I take first

Course/s to take first

- The Program Director will advise which graduate courses are needed
- All courses need a permit to register

Review Handbooks



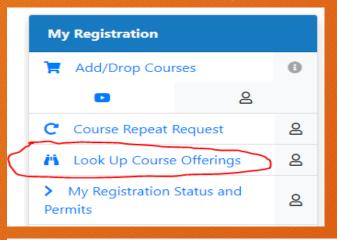
How long will it take to complete

- Depends on the number of courses enrolled in a semester
- You may take up to six years from the time you become a matriculated student to complete the program

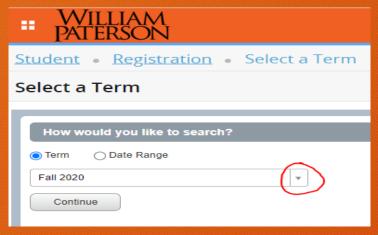
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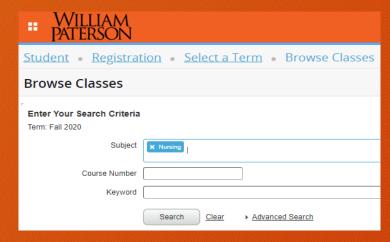
How to look up courses

- Log onto WPConnect
- Click Student Tab under My Registration - select Look Up Course Offerings



- Select term in drop down box, select Continue
- Type Nursing in subject box, or Course Number and click Search

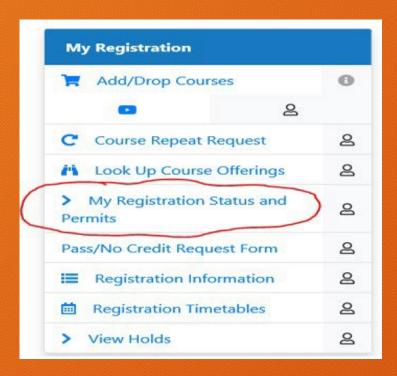






What/where is my pin # & permit

- Log onto WPConnect
- Click Student Tab under My Registration select My Registration Status and Permits



- The alternate pin # is your six-digit birthdate MM/DD/YY (unless it was changed)
- If a permit was issued, you will see it below Permit/Override CRN

Check Your Registration Status:



Displayed below are various items which may affect your registration. Hold: you will be permitted to select.

Please do refer to your class status when looking up your registrati you have listed under "Earned Credit" are the ONLY determination a

- ✓ You have no Holds which prevent registration.
- ✓ Your Academic Standing permits registration.
- ✓ Your Student Status permits registration. Here is your alternate pin: Your Class for registration purposes is Graduate.



How to register

- Register for courses by going to http://www.wpunj.edu
- Log onto WPCONNECT-Student(Tab)- My Registration -Add/Drop Courses
- Registration Timetables
 Find the dates to register



How to Waitlist a Course

- Log onto WPConnect
- Click Student Tab under Registration - Add/Drop Classes
- Select term, click continue
- Enter 6 digit alternate pin #, click continue
- Waitlisted course now appears w/ drop down arrow, click add button
- Click submit



How to Register for a Waitlisted Course

- Log onto WPConnect
- Click Student Tab under Registration -Add/Drop Classes
- Select term, click submit
- Enter 6 digit alternate pin #, click submit
- Waitlisted course now appears w/ drop down arrow, select web register
- Click submit changes



How to Drop a Course

- Log onto WPConnect
- Click Student Tab under Registration - Add/Drop Classes
- Select term, click submit
- Enter 6 digit alternate pin #, click submit
- All courses registered will appear.
 Select web dropped to drop course, submit changes
- Course will disappear



Leave of absence



Two types: leave of absence

Military Leave of Absence (MLOA):

Students whose military obligations make it difficult or impossible for them to be successful in their academic program. For purposes of granting a MLOA, a military obligation is defined as (a) deployment, (b) mobilization leading to deployment, or (c) attendance at a military school or college.

Medical / Mental Health Leave of Absence:

Students who must interrupt their studies temporarily due to physical or psychological conditions.

Leave of Absence must be requested prior to the start of the term. See the <u>semester calendar</u> for specific start dates.

To apply for a leave of absence, log onto **WP Connect – Student** tab – **WP Enrollment Forms – Leave of absence request form** Leave of Absence may not exceed two years for enrollment purposes. Students who fail to return from the approved leave of absence will be considered a complete withdrawal and will be required to re-apply to the University after a period of two years.

When a student on LOA is ready to enroll in courses, they **must meet with an advisor** to receive guidance on appropriate courses and the process for re-enrollment.

Three types: withdrawal

Partial Withdrawal:

Student withdraws from one or more courses but remains enrolled in at least one course for the term

Term/Session Withdrawal: (complete withdrawal during a term or session)

Student withdraws from all courses registered for a term.

Partial and Term/Session Withdrawal: students withdraw from their course(s) via WP Connect within permitted dates published on the <u>semester calendar</u>. Students who do not return the following term/semester may return within two years of withdrawing by consulting with an advisor.

University Withdrawal:

Students who wish to separate completely from the University.

To withdraw from the University, students need to complete the Withdrawal from University Request Form, within the permitted dates published on the semester calendar. The form can be found on **WP Connect – Student** tab – **WP Enrollment Forms – Withdrawal from University Request Form**.

Clinical Courses

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Student-Preceptor Information Request Form needed for each course

 NUR 6041 Advanced Nursing Practicum I 	Clinical course: 170 hours	Credits: 4.0
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- NUR 7011 Advanced Nursing Practicum II Clinical course: 170 hours Credits: 4.0
- NUR 7070 Advanced Nursing Practicum II Clinical course: 50 OB + 120 PEDS = 170 hours Credits: 4.0

Choose one clinical course by track: 170 hours

- NUR 7252 Advanced Nursing Role Practice For Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Credits: 4.0
- NUR 7253 Advanced Role Practicum for Family Nurse Practitioner Credits: 4.0
- NUR 7254 Advanced Role Practicum for Nurse Educators Credits: 4.0
- NUR 7255 Advanced Nursing Role Practicum for the Nurse Administrator Credits: 4.0

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What do I do for clinical courses

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- 1) Student must seek out an NP or MD preceptor on their own (NUR 7252 and 7253 MUST be with an NP preceptor) This should be done about 4 to 6 months in advance. Ask facility if they require an affiliation agreement between the University and their facility. If they do, it takes about 2 months to complete.
 - > If your site is requesting a contract between the University and the facility, please have the information below and send an email to Dr. Iryna Surmachevska, surmachevskai@wpunj.edu. She handles our contracts.
 - •Student's full name/program:
 - •Anticipated time/semester of the rotation:
 - •Precepting Agency/hospital name:
 - •Contact person full name:
 - •Contact person title:
 - •Contact person email address:
 - •Additional information, if needed:

- 2) Students who are registered for a clinical course will be given access to Exxat.
- 3) Submission/approval of student and preceptor information request forms. This is done through Exxat. It is called a Wishlist. The Wishlist is a clinical placement request. The information on the preceptor request forms will be entered by the student in Exxat, along with a copy of the preceptor's cv/resume. Make sure NP preceptor includes their certification and expiration date for ANCC or AANP on their cv/resume or submit a copy of their certification. If this is not provided, the request will not be approved until the appropriate information is given.
- 4) The coordinators will review and approve/deny submissions. The student will be notified through Exxat when requests are approved/denied or if further information is required
- 5) Once the preceptor request has been approved, Exxat will email the preceptor a confirmation of clinical placement for the graduate student. The email confirmation of clinical placement for the graduate student needs to be approved by the preceptor and submitted to Exxat. Student should follow-up with their preceptor to make sure they approved the Confirmation of Clinical Placement email through Exxat

What do I do for clinical courses continued

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- 5) Complete health clearance (student compliance) requirements through Exxat. Religious exemption of COVID 19 vaccine needs to be approved by practicum site prior to start of clinical hours. Upload all information in Exxat. All forms are available on the School of Nursing-Graduate Programs webpage under clinical forms
- 6) Completed urine/drug screen and background check with a result of "APPROVED" through Universal. The Student Compliance field on Exxat lists all requirements needed for practicum. Anyone who lives in New York State or who has lived in New York State in the last 7 years must complete a New York background check in addition to the New Jersey background check.
- 7) All students need to upload other documents (CPR card, malpractice insurance, etc.) found on the student compliance field in Exxat) All students (EDT, ADT, AGNP, FNP, SCN) need to purchase malpractice insurance.
- * All clinical clearance documentation requirements are **due 14 days prior** to the start of the clinical course. <u>If a student is not cleared 7 days prior to the start of the first day of their clinical course, they will be administratively dropped without warning. **NO EXCEPTIONS**</u>

DO NOT CHOOSE: A specialty focused practice, such as: hematology, oncology, surgery, respiratory health, etc. These practices do not provide the diversity of young adult, adult and older adult health problems required for certification. Emergency Departments are not appropriate for practicums

Deadlines to submit preceptor paperwork in Exxat This is called a Wishlist - Clinical Placement Request

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On-Campus Program (Jami Jennings)

Fall semester: August 1st

Spring semester: January 2nd

Summer semester: April 30th

WP Online Program (Ivy Sosoban) view

current dates in Exxat

Fall 1: May 31st

Fall 2: July 31st

Sp 1: Sept. 30th

Sp 2: Nov. 30th

Sum 1: Mar. 30th Su

Sum 2: Apr. 30th

What are the clinical health requirements for Exxat

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Physical (must be completed every year) forms are on Exxat under compliance

- Fill out <u>initial clinical health clearance form</u> for clinical courses and upload in Exxat
- Fill out <u>re-clearance clinical health form</u> for clinical courses and upload in Exxat(need to complete annually) Note: Exxat sends out reminder emails to complete the re-check automatically regardless of when the initial exam expires. If the initial is approved, then disregard the email. Only complete the re-check if the initial is going to expire or has expired.
- **INSTRUCTIONS** on how to submit clinical clearance in Exxat

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What are the clinical health requirements for Exxat continued

Background Check & Drug/Urine Test (Student needs to complete both annually)

• Background check With Universal (anyone who lives in New York State or who has lived in New York State in the last 7 years must complete a New York background check in addition to the one in New Jersey) *The background recheck should only be completed when the initial background check about to expire or has expired*

Background checks need to be completed annually

• Urine/drug screening with Universal
Urine drug screening needs to be completed annually

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What are the clinical health requirements for Exxat continued

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- **CPR** American Heart Association (AHA) BLS for the Healthcare Provider and BLS Provider-only one accepted
- **Health insurance** if student does not have their own health insurance and is covered under a parent or spouse, supplemental documentation will be needed, showing the owner of the health insurance and their dependents
- Malpractice Insurance (\$1 million per occurrence/\$6 million aggregate). All students must purchase.

AGNP/FNP students purchase NP Student malpractice insurance, ADMIN/EDU students purchase RN malpractice insurance.

• Nursing License Upload a copy of RN license along with identification of state and license number and expiration date. States accepted: CT, DE, FL, MA, NH, NJ, PA, RI, TX, VT, MD (includes Washington DC)

<u>Upload All Copies in Exxat</u> - make sure to include front and back side of information (ALL need current expiration dates)

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Clinical Forms (scroll to bottom of webpage)

- Covid: Assumption of Risk Form
- DNP Clinical Site Evaluation Form
- DNP Clinical Evaluation of Preceptor by Student
- Clinical Student Request & Authorization to Release Records and/or info.
- Drug Screening and Testing
- DNP Clinical Checklist
- Initial Clinical Health Form
- Re-Clearance Health Form
- DNP Student & DNP Preceptor Information Request Form
- DNP Employer Acknowledgement Form

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How do I upload my clinical health clearance in Exxat

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- Log into Exxat
- Click on Compliance



• Select a *Requirement* in the list under compliance(ex. CPR) - this will display the **guidelines** for your compliance

Guidelines For Students

- Must be Basic Life Support (BLS) for Health Care Provider.
- Must be in accordance with the American Heart Association guidelines (AHA).
- No other vendor is accepted
- Upload front and back of the card or copy of the certificate.
- Expiration date will be auto-filled as per the school guidelines. (2 years from completion date)

• Complete *required fields* – enter all information & upload file



• Submit for *Review* –



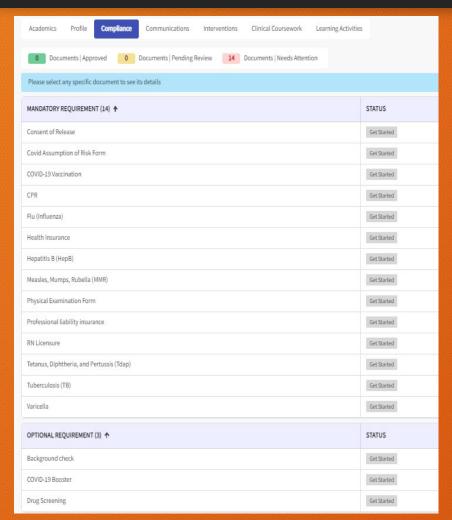
• Confirm your *Submission*. Click OK



• The *Status* will change to pending review. Exxat takes 48-72 hours to review. Be sure to check status



How do I know if my clinical health clearance is cleared



You will see the following under status: (takes Exxat 24-72 hours to respond)

- Get started: if you have not yet started working on this item
- In progress: if you have begun filling out the information, but nothing has been submitted to Exxat
- Pending Review: the document has been submitted to Exxat
- **Approved:** the document has been reviewed by Exxat and meets all requirements
- **Not Approved:** the document has been reviewed by Exxat and determined that it does not meet the requirements
- Expiring: an approved document on file is expiring
- Expired: the document has expired

Exxat will make comments if there is a question about documentation uploaded. Be sure to follow up with supplemental information and/or documentation

What are the next steps

Review information in Exxat

- Double check that all information is correct (your name, 855#, clinical site and address, preceptor, and faculty) If anything is incorrect, email prism-support@exxat.com & jenningsj3@wpunj.edu. If everything looks good, your professor will be reaching out to you about a week before the semester starts.
- Be sure to read all comments made by Exxat. Students are responsible for completing all compliance requirements and having them approved by Exxat. If a requirement needs attention, be sure to provide & upload the proper information.

Clinical frequently asked questions

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- How many clinical hours are required for each practicum? 170 clinical hours.
- When can clinical hours be completed? Only during the student's clinical semester dates. Hours will not be counted if hours are completed before or after the semester dates. Hours are determined between the preceptor and the student.
- What happens if the student cannot complete 170 clinical hours? The student must ask for an incomplete from their professor. The professor makes the determination if the student can take an incomplete. The student has 30 days to complete the hours. If the student is registered for the next practicum, they will need to drop the course and finish the incomplete hours. If the hours are not completed within 30 days, the incomplete will be converted to an F.
- What type of preceptors can be used? MD, DO, NP, RN
- How many preceptors can be used? The same preceptor can be used for two practicums, but it is ultimately up to the lead faculty coordinator.
- What are the clinical deadlines?
 Pg. 17 and https://www.wpunj.edu/cosh/departments/nursing/graduate-programs/clinical/
- Having trouble finding a preceptor?
 Email a list of 9 preceptors and sites that were tried to jenningsj3@wpunj.edu (On campus)
 sosobani@wpunj.edu (WP Online).
- Why is Exxat sign on not working?
 Only the students who have registered for a clinical course will be given access to Exxat

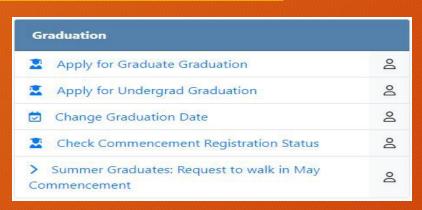
What to do for graduation

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For a student to graduate, they must fulfill their requirements, such as, complete all their credits in their major, satisfy financial obligations, and apply for graduation. See link for deadlines to apply for graduation. Any student who misses the deadline date can apply for next semester's graduation. Disregard the comprehensive requirement as this does not apply to nursing students. Official transcripts will be ready 6 weeks after the graduation date (degree conferral date). See our graduate website under graduation information. **Nursing DOES NOT SEND OUT TRANSCRIPTS**

Graduation

ALL students need to apply for graduation-fill out form on WP Connect).



We have three graduation dates for the on-campus program: January 25 (fall), May 25 (spring), and September 1 (summer).

For WP Online program we have six graduation dates: November 1 (fall-1), January 25 (fall-2), April 1 (spring-1), May 25 (spring-2), and July 31 (summer-1), September 1 (summer-2). See dates on Registrar's website https://www.wpunj.edu/registrar/graduation-information/

What to do for graduation continued



If the student has missed the deadline for graduation, they must apply for the current date. Then, click on change graduation date on WP Connect. The same place where apply for graduation is and write an explanation why the date needs to be changed in the comment box provided and submit.

Diplomas see the Registrar's website for more information. Diplomas will be mailed to the address on file after

degrees are awarded based on the award dates posted on the Registrar's graduation website.

https://www.wpunj.edu/registrar/graduation-information/

Certificates (Post-Master's students) See the Registrar's website for more information

https://www.wpunj.edu/registrar/graduation-information/duplicate-diplomas.html

<u>Commencement</u> (If a student would like to attend, they need to apply on WP Connect to walk in commencement, which

occurs every May, however it is not required) https://www.wpunj.edu/commencement/index.html

See link for more information and deadlines to apply. https://www.wpunj.edu/commencement/graduate-ceremony/

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What to do for graduation continued

Transcripts

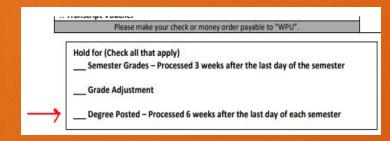
The board of nursing requires an official transcript. William Paterson University requires students to pay for an official transcript. Nursing DOES NOT SEND OUT TRANSCRIPTS.

To request an **official transcript** log onto WP Connect:

WP Connect - Student tab- My Degree - Official transcript. Diplomas

Note: Official transcripts will not be available until 6 weeks after the graduation date (degree conferral date). Please make sure to check off degree posted. If this is not checked and it is completed before waiting the 6 weeks after the graduation date, the transcript will be delivered without the correct information, and it will not be approved by the examination board. The student will then need to purchase official transcript is received by the certification board. Any questions regarding transcripts, see link https://www.wpunj.edu/centerss/records/.

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Add, Declare, or Change Minor	00
Change to or from WP Online	00
Degree Works	0
Final Grades	0
Early Assessment	00
Request Official Transcript	0
Unofficial Transcripts	00



What to do for certification

AANP & ANCC Certification – complete forms on their website

AANP - The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (aanpeert.org)

ANCC - https://www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/

*All NP students need to download their entire clinical practicum hours from Exxat when they have graduated. Students will not be able to access Exxat after one year, so students need to make sure they have copies of this information. See <u>link</u> for instructions. The School of Nursing does not complete forms for AANP or ANCC. The student completes all the information and submits their requirements.

Students can sit for their exam if their program completion date is within 30 days of their graduation date (conferral date). Anything over 30 days will require a letter from the University. If you need a completion letter, email the director Dr. Cheryl Hollema, hollemac@wpunj.edu, and copy Jami Jenningsja@wpunj.edu.

*If a student has passed their exam, they can only begin practicing once their official transcript is received by AANP/ANCC.

Academic Resources Available

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- Accessibility Resource Center https://www.wpunj.edu/accessibilityresourcecenter/
- Counseling Health & Wellness Centerhttps://www.wpunj.edu/health-wellness/
- <u>Library</u> https://guides.wpunj.edu/nursing
- Student Success Center_ https://www.wpunj.edu/cosh/departments/nursing/student-success/
- Writing Center https://www.wpunj.edu/cohss/departments/english/writing-center/

Assists students with documented disabilities by providing reasonable accommodations and services

Provides primary health care, personal counseling, health education, prevention services and co-curricular educational opportunities

These resources primarily support undergraduate and graduate programs as well as individual faculty research projects

Student tutors are available for one-on-one tutoring sessions or group sessions

Assists with reviewing assignments, brainstorming, getting started, expanding ideas, revising early drafts, crafting your thesis, organizing and outlining, adding power and style, using/citing sources, and reviewing strategies for editing and proofreading

Graduate Tuition for On-Ground Program & Scholarships

See website for current pricing:

Graduate tuition: https://www.wpunj.edu/studentaccounts/tuition-and-fees/graduate-tuition-and-fees.html

Scholarship information: https://www.wpunj.edu/cosh/departments/nursing/scholarships/scholarships.html

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