

**Master of Science (MS) in Nursing
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Concentration**

Program Description

The Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) program prepares graduates to provide health care to infants, children, and adolescents in a variety of health care settings. The program emphasis is on health promotion, prevention, and management of acute, episodic, and stable chronic illnesses. PNPs work in pediatric offices and clinics, school based health centers, emergency departments, and in subspecialty practices. They provide routine health maintenance including well child exams and developmental screenings, diagnose and treat common childhood illnesses, provide anticipatory guidance regarding common health concerns, provide immunizations, perform school physicals, interpret results of lab and diagnostic tests, and order medications and provide therapeutic treatments.

Students who complete the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner program are qualified to sit for the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner certification examination offered by the Pediatric Nurse Certification Board (PNCB) and the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner certification examination from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

Degree Requirements

Course #	Course Title	SH
Core Courses		
NURS 525	Intermediate Statistics	3
NURS 526	Nursing Inquiry I	2
NURS 527	Nursing Inquiry II	2
NURS 528	Health, Environment and Systems	2
NURS 529	Issues of Advanced Practice in Nursing	1
NURS 531	Pharmacotherapeutics in Advanced Practice in Nursing	3
NURS 532	Comprehensive Health Assessment for Advanced Practice	2
NURS 533	Applied Pharmacotherapeutics in Advanced Practice in Nursing	1
NURS 535	Biological Basis of Disease	4
NURS 550	Evidence-Based Practice or	3
NURS 597	Master's Project or	3
NURS 598	Master's Thesis	5
Concentration Specialty Courses		
NUSP 553	Advanced Nursing Care for the Well Infant, Child and Adolescent	3
NUSP 554	Primary Care Management of Acute and Chronic Conditions in Childhood	3
NUSP 558	Advanced Parent-Infant Nursing	3
NUPR 566	Practicum in Advanced Pediatric Primary Care I	5
NUPR 567	Practicum in Advanced Pediatric Primary Care II	5
NUPR 568	Practicum in Advanced Pediatric Primary Care III	5
Total Degree Hours		47-49

Clinical credit hrs:	15	Clinical clock hrs:	675
Didactic credit hrs:	31	Didactic clock hrs:	465
Lab credit hrs:	1	Lab clock hrs:	30

For more information, please visit these websites:

www.napnap.org, general information about the role of the PNP

www.pncb.org, information about certification for PNPs