

Advanced Practice Nursing Options: Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (NP) (42 credits)

Prepares nurses who will function at an advanced level of practice as acute care pediatric nurse practitioners. The graduate will be prepared for independent management of children and families seeking health care for complex acute and chronic pediatric health problems.

Curriculum

The Master of Science in Nursing degree requires 42 credit hours of course work, which may be completed on a full-time or part-time basis.

Core Courses – 12 credits

NURS 6000 Theoretical Foundations of Nursing
NURS 6007 Ethics in Health Care
NURS 6009 Creating Nursing Care Systems
NURS 6010 Nursing Research Design and Methodology

Foundation Courses – 12 credits

NURS 6030 Pathophysiological Concepts for Advanced Nursing Practice+
NURS 6032 Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice+
NURS 6535 Advanced Assessment in Parent/Child Nursing*+
NURS 6242 Concepts & Interventions for Health Problems Across the Life Span

Specialty Courses – 18 credits

NURS 6540 Seminar in Child and Family Health+
NURS 6640 Nursing Therapeutics for Acute/Critical Illnesses in Children and Adolescents+
NURS 6538 Advanced Practice Nursing of Children: Role and Specialization+
NURS 6651 Acutely Ill Children Practicum*+
NURS 6652 Acutely/Chronically Ill Children Practicum*+
NURS 6653 Critically Ill Children Practicum*+

* Includes practicum

+ Post Master's Courses if no previous course equivalent

Certification: Upon completion of the program, the student would be prepared to take the National Certification Examination for Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner.