

**Advanced Practice Nursing Options:  
Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (NP)/  
Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) (42 credits)**

Prepares nurses who will function at an advanced level of practice as pediatric nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists. The graduate will be prepared for independent management of children and families seeking health care for simple to complex 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 Pathophysiologic Concepts for Advanced Nursing Practice<sup>+</sup>  
NURS 6032 Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice<sup>+</sup>  
NURS 6535 Advanced Assessment in Parent/Child Nursing<sup>\*+</sup>  
NURS 6244 Health Promotion Across the Life Span

**Specialty Courses – 18 credits**

NURS 6540 Seminar in Child and Family Health<sup>+</sup>  
NURS 6542 Nursing Therapeutics for Acute/Episodic Illnesses in Children and Adolescents<sup>+</sup>  
NURS 6538 Advanced Practice Nursing of Children: Role and Specialization<sup>+</sup>  
NURS 6551 Advanced Nursing Care of Children and Families 1<sup>\*+</sup>  
NURS 6552 Advance Nursing Care of Children and Families 2<sup>\*+</sup>  
NURS 6553 Advanced Nursing Care of Children and Families 3<sup>\*+</sup>

\* Includes practicum

+ Post Master's Courses if no previous course equivalent

Certification: Upon completion of the program, the student will be eligible to take the National Certification Examination for Primary Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and/or Clinical Specialist in Pediatric Nursing.