

PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER—ACUTE CARE

The Pediatric Nurse Practitioner—Acute Care (PNP-AC) specialty prepares graduates for the advanced practice role of providing complex, comprehensive care to infants, children, adolescents, and young adults. With a foundation in primary care to more complex acute or chronic health conditions, there is an emphasis on integrating current evidence-based research, family-centered care, and cultural humility into clinical practice.

Each student, throughout the two years, provides acute, complex, and chronic illness health care for infants through adolescents in a variety of care settings, including pediatric intensive care units, inpatient settings, specialty clinics, and emergency departments. The PNP-AC curriculum is intended to prepare students to apply for Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Certification in acute care through the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board.

PNP-AC courses are only open to students enrolled in the specialty or receive approval by the specialty director. This specialty is designed for entering RN students who hold a baccalaureate degree and have one to two years of acute inpatient experience. The course plan for part-time study can be obtained from the specialty director. A Post-Master's Pediatric Nurse Practitioner—Acute Care Certificate option is also available (see the chapter Post-Master's Certificates).

YEAR ONE

Fall Term

NURS 6010	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURS 6020	Advanced Pharmacology	2
NURS 7400	Advanced Pediatric Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	3
NURS 7410	Individual and Family Development during Childhood	1.5
NURS 7420	Primary Care and Health Promotion of Children I	2
NURS 7430	Primary Care of Children I Clinical Practice	2
NURS 7910	Advanced Acute and Critical Care Diagnostics for Pediatrics	2

Spring Term

NURS 6040	Statistics and Research for Evidence-Based Practice Nursing	3
NURS 7440	Primary Care of Adolescents	2
NURS 7460	Primary Care of Children II	2
NURS 7520	Chronic Health Conditions in Children and Adolescents	2
NURS 7550	Advanced Pediatric Pharmacology	1
NURS 7560	Specialty Pediatric Acute Care Clinical	3

YEAR TWO**Fall Term**

NURS 6050	Transitions to Professional Practice	2
NURS 6060	Promoting Health in the Community	2
NURS 7912	Acute Care of Children I	2
NURS 7914	Acute Care of Children I Clinical	4.5

Spring Term

NURS 7570	Management of Common Pediatric Developmental, Behavioral, and Mental Health Conditions	2
NURS 7916	Acute Care of Children II	2
NURS 7918	Acute Care of Children II Clinical	6