

PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER—PRIMARY CARE

The Pediatric Nurse Practitioner—Primary Care (PNP-PC) specialty prepares graduates for advanced practice roles in the provision of primary care to children and adolescents within the context of the family and community. Evidence-based research and concepts from nursing, medicine, community health, child development, health promotion, and the natural and social sciences provide a foundation for practice.

Each student, throughout the two years, provides primary health care for children and adolescents in a variety of clinical settings, including community-based and private practices as well as school-based health centers. In addition, students select a specialty clinical rotation with relevance to pediatric primary care. In all clinical placements, the role of the PNP-PC as a member of an interdisciplinary team and coordinator across systems of care within the context of family is emphasized. The PNP-PC specialty curriculum is intended to prepare students to apply for Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Certification in primary care through the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board.

PNP-PC courses are only open to students enrolled in the specialty. Students from other specialties who are interested in taking a PNP-PC specialty course must consult with the specialty director. A Post-Master's Pediatric Nurse Practitioner—Primary 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 7020	Primary Care I A	1
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

Spring Term

NURS 6040	Statistics and Research for Evidence-Based Practice Nursing	3
NURS 7440	Primary Care of Adolescents	2
NURS 7450	Primary Care of Adolescents Clinical Practice ¹	2
NURS 7460	Primary Care of Children II	2
NURS 7470	Primary Care of Children II Clinical Practice	2
NURS 7530	School Health Clinical Practice ¹	2
NURS 7550	Advanced Pediatric Pharmacology	1

YEAR TWO

Fall Term

NURS 6050	Transitions to Professional Practice	2
NURS 6060	Promoting Health in the Community	2
NURS 7450	Primary Care of Adolescents Clinical Practice ¹	2
NURS 7480	Primary Care of Children III	2
NURS 7490	Primary Care of Children III Clinical Practice	2
NURS 7530	School Health Clinical Practice ¹	2
NURS 7540	Specialty Pediatric Primary Care Clinical Practice	2

Spring Term

NURS 7500	Primary Care of Children IV	2
NURS 7510	Primary Care of Children IV Clinical Practice	4.5
NURS 7520	Chronic Health Conditions in Children and Adolescents	2
NURS 7570	Management of Common Pediatric Developmental, Behavioral, and Mental Health Conditions	2
NURS 7580	Clinical Practice in Pediatric Developmental, Behavioral and Mental Health Care	1.5

¹ For NURS 7450 and NURS 7530, students are divided into two groups and enroll in the spring term of year one of the fall term of year two as assigned.