PURPOSE

Pediatric Acute Care, NP
The program 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.

Pediatric Primary Care, NP/CNS
The program 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.

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

Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Curriculum

Core Courses – 12 Credits
Nurs 6000  Theoretical Foundations
Nurs 6007  Ethics in Health Care
Nurs 6009  Creating Nursing Care Systems
Nurs 6010  Nursing Research Design and Methodology

Foundation Courses – 9 Credits
Nurs 6030  Pathophysiological Concepts for the Advanced Nursing Practice*
Nurs 6032  Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice*
Nurs 6535  Advanced Assessment in Parent/Child Nursing**

Specialty Courses – 21 Credits
Nurs 6242  Concepts & Interventions for Health Problems Across the Lifespan
Nurs 6536  Complex/Chronic Pediatric Health Conditions*
Nurs 6540  Seminar in Child and Family Health*
Nurs 6640  Nursing Therapeutics for Acute/Critical Illnesses in Children and Adolescents*
Nurs 6651  Acutely Ill Children Practicum**
Nurs 6652  Acutely/Chronically Ill Children Practicum**
Nurs 6653  Critically Ill Children Practicum**

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

Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist Curriculum

Core Courses – 12 Credits
Nurs 6000  Theoretical Foundations
Nurs 6007  Ethics in Health Care
Nurs 6009  Creating Nursing Care Systems
Nurs 6010  Nursing Research Design and Methodology

Foundation Courses – 9 Credits
Nurs 6030  Pathophysiological Concepts for the Advanced Nursing Practice*
Nurs 6032  Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nurses*
Nurs 6535  Advanced Assessment in Parent/Child Nursing**

Specialty Courses – 21 Credits
Nurs 6244  Health Promotion Across the Lifespan
Nurs 6536  Complex/Chronic Pediatric Health Conditions*
Nurs 6540  Seminar in Child and Family Health*
Nurs 6542  Nursing Therapeutics for Acute/Episodic Illnesses in Children and Adolescents*
Nurs 6551  Advanced Nursing Care of Children and Families 1: Practicum**
Nurs 6552  Advanced Nursing Care of Children and Families 2: Practicum**
Nurs 6553  Advanced Nursing Care of Children and Families 3: Practicum**

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.

* Includes practicum
* Post Master’s Courses if no previous course equivalent