

Advanced Practice Nursing Options: Children 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 200	Theoretical Foundations of Nursing
NURS 207	Ethics in Health Care
NURS 209	Creating Nursing Care Systems
NURS 291	Nursing Research Design and Methodology

Foundation Courses – 9 credits

NURS 210	Physiological Concepts for Advanced Nursing Practice ⁺
NURS 211	Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice ⁺
NURS 274	Advanced Assessment in Parent/Child Nursing ^{**}

Specialty Courses – 18 credits

NURS 270	Seminar in Child and Family Health ⁺
NURS 272	Nursing Therapeutics for Acute/Episodic Illnesses in Children and Adolescents ⁺
NURS 275	Advanced Practice Nursing of Children: Role and Specialization ⁺
NURS 276	Advanced Nursing Care of Children and Families 1 ⁺⁺
NURS 277	Advanced Nursing Care of Children and Families 2 ⁺⁺
NURS 278	Advanced Nursing Care of Children and Families 3 ⁺⁺

Elective – 3 credits

* 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 Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and/or Clinical Specialist in Pediatric Nursing.