PURPOSE
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.

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 of Nursing
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 6035 Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan **

Specialty Courses – 21 Credits
Nurs 6242 Concepts and 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
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.

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