

# PEDIATRIC ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER, POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE

This 13-credit post-master's certificate prepares the currently certified pediatric primary care NP to expand their expertise beyond primary care to the acute care of children. Post Master's Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner certificate students will learn how to diagnose and treat pediatric acute, critical and chronic care conditions, gain clinical competency, and apply evidence-based practices. Students will experience a vigorous academic program and clinical experiences to provide acute care to children across a variety of care settings and throughout the continuum of care. With access to Hopkins faculty and learning resources, graduates will develop and apply advanced skills in the assessment, diagnosis, and management of health problems encountered in acutely ill children.

The development of the curriculum is based on:

- The National Task Force Criteria for Evaluation of Nurse Practitioner Programs (2016),
- The National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) Domains and Core Competencies of Nurse Practitioner Practice (2011) and
- The National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties Pediatric Acute Care Competencies (2013).

**Clinical practica and number of clinical hours:** Clinical experiences are diverse and occur in a variety of settings. A gap analysis will be done based on previous acute care experiences to determine clinical hours needed to meet the minimum of 500 hours of precepted pediatric acute care clinical (600 hours recommended).

**Certification:** Graduates of this program will be eligible to apply for the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board's pediatric acute care certification exam: [www.pncb.org/ptistore/control/exams/ac/steps](http://www.pncb.org/ptistore/control/exams/ac/steps) (<https://www.pncb.org/ptistore/control/exams/ac/steps/>).

## Program Requirements

### Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Specialty Courses</b>		
NR.110.645	Pediatric Acute Care I,Advanced Pediatric Acute Care Topics and Procedures	3
NR.110.646	Pediatric Acute Care II,Advanced Pediatric Acute Care Topics	2
NR.110.648	Pediatric Acute Care Practicum,Pediatric Primary/Acute Care Practicum (56-224CL, repeatable each term) <sup>1</sup>	1 - 4
NR.110.649	Advanced Pediatric Acute Care Topics and Roles	1
Total Credits		7-10

<sup>1</sup> NR.110.648 Pediatric Acute Care Practicum,Pediatric Primary/Acute Care Practicum Students must complete a minimum of 7 credits of Pediatric Acute Care Practicum (clinical) during the program. Based on a gap analysis, some students may need additional clinical hours. Specific credit hours and credit allocation by semester will be determined based on a gap analysis at the program start.

### Program of Study

Course	Title	Credits
<b>First Semester</b>		
NR.110.645	Pediatric Acute Care I,Advanced Pediatric Acute Care Topics and Procedures	3
NR.110.648	Pediatric Acute Care Practicum,Pediatric Primary/Acute Care Practicum (56-224 clinical hours)	1-4
Credits		4-7
<b>Second Semester</b>		
NR.110.646	Pediatric Acute Care II,Advanced Pediatric Acute Care Topics <sup>1</sup>	2
NR.110.648	Pediatric Acute Care Practicum,Pediatric Primary/Acute Care Practicum (56-224 clinical hours) <sup>1</sup>	1-4
Credits		3-6
<b>Third Semester</b>		
NR.110.648	Pediatric Acute Care Practicum,Pediatric Primary/Acute Care Practicum (56-224 clinical hours) <sup>1</sup>	1-4
NR.110.649	Advanced Pediatric Acute Care Topics and Roles	1
Credits		2-5
Total Credits		9-18

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