

# PEDIATRIC DUAL PRIMARY/ ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER, DNP ADVANCED PRACTICE TRACK

This track prepares the student to practice at an advanced level to provide evidence-based family-centered care to children from birth through adolescence. PNPs prepared in primary care (PC) and acute care (AC) are educationally prepared to care for patients across the entire continuum of health and illness and in a variety of care settings. Certified PNP-AC/PC nurses provide care to healthy and children with complex acute, critical, and life-threatening illnesses and make a difference across a continuum of care settings by providing the highest level of evidence-based acute care, often in the face of rapidly changing patient conditions. PNP-AC/PC certified nurses provide the initial, ongoing, and comprehensive care to patients in a variety of settings including private offices, community clinics, newborn nursery, schools and in specialty-based areas that manage chronically ill patients across the spectrum. PNPs assess, diagnose, and treat critical, acute and chronic illnesses and are responsible and accountable for providing evidenced-based preventative health care, including health promotion, disease prevention, and health education and counseling. It is a program requirement for candidates to have at least one year or more, of Acute-Care inpatient pediatric nursing experience, upon application to the program.

The development of the curriculum is based on:

- The Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Practice Nursing (AACN, 2021)
- The National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) NP Role Core Competencies (2022)
- The National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) NP Core Competencies with Curriculum Content (2017)
- The National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) Population-Focused Nurse Practitioner Competencies: Pediatric Acute Care (NONPF, 2013)
- The National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) Statement on Acute Care and Primary Care Certified Nurse Practitioner Practice (NONPF, 2012)
- The National Task Force Criteria for Evaluation of Nurse Practitioner Programs (2022)
- The National Task Force (NTF) Quality Nurse Practitioner Standards for Quality Nurse Practitioner Education, 6<sup>th</sup> ed. (2022).

**Certification:** Graduates are eligible to apply for the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board’s pediatric acute care and pediatric primary care certification exams: <http://www.pncb.org/ptistore/control/exams/pnp/steps> (<http://www.pncb.org/ptistore/control/exams/pnp/steps/>).

## Pediatric Dual Primary/Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Track-Specific Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
NR.110.645	Advanced Pediatric Acute Care Topics and Procedures	3
NR.110.646	Advanced Pediatric Acute Care Topics	3

NR.110.648	Pediatric Primary/Acute Care Practicum (56-224CL)	1 - 4
NR.110.649	Advanced Pediatric Acute Care Topics and Roles	1
NR.210.630	Clinical Reasoning I - Clinical Management for the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner: Common Acute Illnesses in Pediatrics	2
NR.210.631	Clinical Reasoning II-Clinical Management for the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner: Chronic Illnesses in Pediatrics	2
NR.210.632	Clinical Reasoning III: Acute Complex Problems with Gender and Behavior Health (with variations)	2
NR.210.633	Clinical Reasoning IV-Clinical Management for the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner: Problems Specific to the Newborn/Infant	2
NR.210.634	Clinical Reasoning V - Topics for Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Practice	2
NR.210.635	Clinical Practicum I: Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (112CL)	2
NR.210.636	Clinical Practicum II: Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (112CL)	2
NR.210.637	Clinical Practicum III: Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (168CL)	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>25-28</b>

## Program of Study

### DNP Advanced Practice Track: Pediatric Dual Primary/Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program of Study: 4-year plan

Course	Title	Credits
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
NR.210.606	Biostatistics for Evidence-Based Practice	3
NR.210.607	Context of Health Care for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR.210.806	Health Finance	2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
NR.210.608	The Research Process and Its Application to Evidence-Based Practice	3
NR.210.600	Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology	4
NR.210.802	Advanced Nursing Health Policy	2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Third Semester</b>		
NR.210.610	Health Promotion and Risk Reduction Across the Lifespan	2
NR.210.602	Clinical Pharmacology	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
NR.210.822	Health Information Systems and Patient Care Technologies	2
NR.210.601	Advanced Health Assessment and Measurement	3

NR.210.804	Organizational and Systems Leadership for Quality Care	2
NR.210.603	Human Growth and Development: Birth through Adolescence	1

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**Credits** 8

**Second Semester**

NR.210.609	Philosophical, Theoretical & Ethical Basis of Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR.210.605	Diagnostic Skills and Procedures for Advanced Practice Nursing	2
NR.210.604	Health Supervision: Birth through Adolescence	2
NR.210.630	Clinical Reasoning I - Clinical Management for the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner: Common Acute Illnesses in Pediatrics	2

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**Credits** 9

**Third Semester**

NR.210.631	Clinical Reasoning II-Clinical Management for the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner: Chronic Illnesses in Pediatrics	2
NR.210.635	Clinical Practicum I: Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (112CL)	2
NR.210.886	Problem Discovery (56PPR)	2

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**Credits** 6

**Third Year****First Semester**

NR.210.803	Nursing Inquiry for Evidence-Based Practice	3
NR.210.632	Clinical Reasoning III: Acute Complex Problems with Gender and Behavior Health (with variations)	2
NR.210.636	Clinical Practicum II: Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (112CL)	2

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**Credits** 7

**Second Semester**

NR.210.805	Translating Evidence into Practice	3
NR.210.633	Clinical Reasoning IV-Clinical Management for the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner: Problems Specific to the Newborn/Infant	2
NR.210.887	Project Advancement (56PPR)	2
NR.210.637	Clinical Practicum III: Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (168CL)	3

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**Credits** 10

**Third Semester**

NR.210.817	Analysis and Evaluation of Individual and Population Health Data	3
NR.210.634	Clinical Reasoning V - Topics for Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Practice	2
NR.110.648	Pediatric Primary/Acute Care Practicum (112CL)	2
NR.110.649	Advanced Pediatric Acute Care Topics and Roles	1

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**Credits** 8

**Fourth Year****First Semester**

NR.110.648	Pediatric Primary/Acute Care Practicum (224CL)	4
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NR.110.645	Advanced Pediatric Acute Care Topics and Procedures	3
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NR.210.888	Project Application (56PPR)	2
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**Credits** 9

**Second Semester**

NR.210.818	Clinical Data Management and Analyses	2
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NR.210.889	Project Evaluation and Dissemination (56PPR)	2
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NR.110.646	Advanced Pediatric Acute Care Topics	3
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NR.110.648	Pediatric Primary/Acute Care Practicum (56CL)	1
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**Credits** 8

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**Total Credits** 88

**Program Total: 88 Credits [cr]/784 Clinical Hours [CL]/224 Project Practicum Hours [PPR]**