



**Master of Science in Nursing
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
Concentration
Nursing
Hybrid**

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The Masters of Science in Nursing with a concentration in Pediatric Nurse Practitioner is a five-semester course of study that builds on and expands baccalaureate nursing knowledge with preparation for advanced practice roles specializing in pediatric primary care. The focus is advanced theoretical knowledge and practice skills needed to function in increasingly complex care settings. Emphasis is placed on evidence-based practice, outcomes management, clinical research, and advanced clinical decision-making.

Graduates are prepared to assume the role of advanced practice nurse in pediatric primary care from birth through adolescence. At completion of the PNP course of study, graduates are eligible to take the national certifying examination and may apply for an advanced practice nurse license, as appropriate in their legal state of practice.

Student Learning Outcomes

These outcomes address what students should know or be able to do upon completion of the academic program:

1. Students will be able to utilize information technology to drive health care decisions and evaluate outcomes.
2. Students will be able to evaluate health care policy and will be able to advocate/influence changes for improvement.
3. Students will be able to analyze and utilize best practices and evidence-based research to optimize knowledge development for outcomes achievements.
4. The APN graduate will pass the national certification examination for licensing as an advanced practice nurse in the relevant population focus.

Concentration Objectives

1. Provide health maintenance and health promotion services to individuals and families.
2. Diagnose and treat a variety of common health problems (actual and potential) commonly encountered in primary care settings.
3. Utilize advanced practice nursing knowledge and clinical skills to help patients achieve and/or maintain optimal health or to manage chronic conditions.
4. Demonstrate critical thinking and analysis in the provision of safe, patient-centered, effective, and evidence-based primary care services.
5. Provide knowledgeable and sensitive services to multicultural and diverse patient groups and families.
6. Provide holistic care and serve as a patient advocate in accordance with the Christian belief in the dignity and worth of the individual and family.

Clinical Requirements

A minimum of 600 clinical practicum hours are required for the advanced practice role as a pediatric nurse practitioner. Students will gain experience in pediatric primary care within settings focusing on Pediatrics and Women's Health.

These clinical experiences are accomplished under the guidance of a faculty member and a community-based faculty approved preceptor.

The graduate nursing curriculum consists of courses in three areas of study:

1. The advanced practice nursing core (required of all students)
2. The advanced practice direct patient care core
3. The advanced practice functional area content: clinical and didactic experiences.

MSN Core Requirements*

NURS 5000	
Theoretical Basis of Nursing Practice	3 s.h.
NURS 5001	
Research Designs in Nursing.....	3 s.h.
NURS 5010	
Social, Cultural, and Political Perspectives on Healthcare and Delivery Systems.....	3 s.h.
NURS 5012	
Global Health Awareness	3 s.h.
NURS 5014	
Healthcare Informatics.....	3 s.h.

*Core Courses are offered in an online delivery format.

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Concentration Requirements

NURS 5002	
Advanced Pathophysiology	3 s.h.
NURS 5004	
Advanced Physical Assessment and Health Promotion	3 s.h.
NURS 5006	
Advanced Pharmacology	3 s.h.
NURS 5018	
FNP I: Care of Women and Families.....	3 s.h.
NURS 5021	
Pediatric Growth and Development/Health Promotion and Illness Prevention.....	6 s.h.
NURS 5023	
FNP III: Care of Pediatric Population.....	3 s.h.
NURS 5025	
Seminar and Intensive Practicum: Pediatric Acute Illness and Chronic Disease Management	6 s.h.
NURS 5026	
Practice Management and Advanced Role Development.....	3 s.h.
NURS 5990	
Comprehensive Assessment	0 s.h.
Total	45 s.h.