

Post-Bacc DNP Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program

The Post-Bacc Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) Program is based at the Rutgers Health Sciences Campus in Newark, NJ and is one of the few programs in the state preparing doctorally prepared pediatric nurse practitioners. Graduates are eligible to sit for national certification as a primary care pediatric nurse practitioner offered through PNCB or ANCC.

Role and qualifications: Doctorally prepared primary care pediatric nurse practitioners demonstrate expert clinical knowledge that is grounded in advanced theory and evidence based practice. The Primary Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner program at Rutgers University School of Nursing prepares nurse practitioners for the challenges of delivering comprehensive care and translating evidence into practice for the pediatric population (birth to 21 years) across various practice settings.

Scope of Practice: The scope of practice of the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner includes health promotion and providing direct patient care management such as performing in-depth physical assessments, interpreting results of laboratory and diagnostic tests, ordering medications, and performing therapeutic treatments across a variety of settings. Pediatric nurse practitioners work collaboratively with other health care providers toward the best health outcome for their patients and their families.

Curriculum: The Post-Bacc DNP Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program is comprised of 68 credits with 540 clinical hours devoted to precepted NP practice and 500 mentored hours in which the student develops, implements, evaluates and disseminates their DNP project. The program can be completed in eight (8) semesters of full-time graduate study, and is a hybrid of online and in-classroom courses. The following are the required courses for this program:

Core Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Clinical Hrs.
PNP 5104	Advanced Pediatric Pathophysiology	3	
PNP 5105	Pediatric Clinical Pharmacology	3	
ADHA 5108	Advanced Health Assessment in Infants, Children and Adolescents	3	

DNP Core Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Clinical Hrs.
NURS 6010	Clinical Scholarship	2	
NURS 6060	Clinical Inquiry for Evidence-Based Practice	3	
NURS 6930	Information Technology for Evidence-Based Practice	3	
NURS 6880	Leadership for the Doctor of Nursing Practice	3	
NURS 6020	Management and Analysis of Health Data for the Doctor of Nursing Practice	3	
NURS 6940	Evidence Translation & Implementation Science	3	
NURS 6780	Healthcare Economics & Business Practices for Advanced Practice Nurses	3	
NURS 6040	Social Determinants of Health	3	
NURS 6980	Epidemiology and Population Health	3	
NURS 6030	DNP Project Planning and Proposal Development	3	
NURS 6982	DNP Project Implementation	3	

Specialty Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Clinical Hrs.
PNP 6560	Primary Care of Children Theory 1: Health Promotion	3	
PNP 6570	Primary Care of Children Practicum 1	3	135
PNP 6540	Primary Care of Children Theory 2: Common Mild/Acute Illnesses	3	
PNP 6550	Primary Care of Children Practicum 2	3	135
PNP 6580	Primary Care of Children: Chronic Conditions	3	
PNP 6590	Primary Care of Children Practicum 3	3	135
PNP 6710	Primary Care of Children Theory 4: Complex Challenges	3	
PNP 6720	Primary Care of Children Practicum 4	3	135
	Elective	3	
Totals		68	540