



Post-Baccalaureate DNP Dual Pediatric Primary/Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program

The Post-Baccalaureate Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Dual Pediatric Primary/Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program (PNP) is based at the Rutgers Health Sciences Campus in Newark, NJ and is the only Dual certification option program in the state preparing doctoral prepared dually certified pediatric nurse practitioners. Graduates are eligible to sit for national certification as an acute care AND/OR primary care pediatric nurse practitioner offered through the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board. You must have a minimum of one-year acute care pediatric experience to apply to this program.

Role and qualifications: Doctoral prepared dual certified pediatric nurse practitioners demonstrate expert clinical knowledge that is grounded in advanced theory and evidence-based practice across the entire continuum of health from wellness to acute and complex care. The Dual certification Pediatric Primary/Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program at Rutgers University School of Nursing prepares nurse practitioners for the challenges of delivering comprehensive care for the pediatric population (birth to 21 years) across various inpatient, outpatient and specialty practice settings.

Scope of Practice: The scope of practice of the Dual certification Pediatric Primary/Acute Care Nurse Practitioner supports health promotion and providing direct patient care across the entire continuum of health and illness, including acute, complex, and critical conditions. Patient management such as performing in-depth physical assessments, interpreting results of laboratory and diagnostic tests, ordering medications, and performing therapeutic treatments will occur across a variety of inpatient and outpatient clinical settings. Pediatric nurse practitioners work collaboratively with other health care providers toward the best health outcome for their patients and their families.

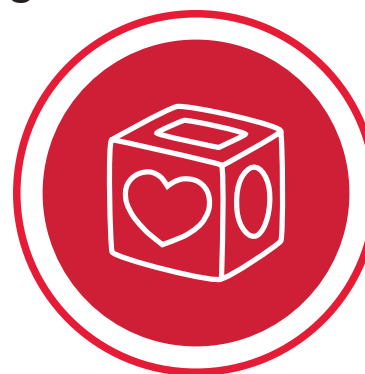
Curriculum: The Post- Baccalaureate DNP Dual Pediatric certification Primary/Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program is comprised of 85 credits with 900 clinical hours devoted to precepted NP clinical practice. The program can be completed in eleven (11) semesters of graduate study and is a hybrid of online and in-classroom courses. The following are the required courses for this program:

Core Courses:

| Course # | Course Title | Cr. Hrs. | Clinical Hrs. |
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| NURS 5104 | Advanced Pathophysiology | 3 | |
| PNP 5105 | Pediatric Clinical Pharmacology | 3 | |
| ADHA 5107 | Advanced Health Assessment | 3 | |
| PNP 5103 | Pediatric Pathophysiology & Assessment | 3 | |

DNP Core Courses:

| Course # | Course Title | Cr. Hrs. | Project Hrs.** |
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| NURS 6010 | Clinical Scholarship | 2 | |
| NURS 6060 | Clinical Inquiry for Evidence-Based Practice | 3 | |
| NURS 6930 | Information Technology for Evidence-Based Practice | 3 | |
| NURS 6033 | Quality and Safety for Advanced Nursing 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 | |





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| NURS 6940 | Evidence Translation & Implementation Science | 3 | |
| NURS 6780 | Healthcare Economics & Business Practices for Advanced Practice Nurses | 3 | |
| NURS 6040 | Determinants of Health | 3 | |
| NURS 6980 | Epidemiology and Population Health | 3 | |
| NURS 6030 | DNP Project Planning and Proposal Development | 3 | |
| NURS 6031 | DNP Project Implementation | 2 | |
| NURS 6032 | DNP Project Evaluation and Dissemination | 2 | |

Specialty Courses:

| Course # | Course Title | Cr. Hrs. | Clinical Hrs. |
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| PNP 6560 | Primary Care of Children Theory 1: Health Promotion | 3 | |
| PNP 6570 | Primary Care of Children Practicum 1 | 3 | 180 |
| NMID 6407 | Management of the Neonate & Breastfeeding | 2 | |
| PNP 6540 | Primary Care of Children Theory 2: Common Mild/Acute Illnesses | 3 | |
| PNP 6550 | Primary Care of Children Practicum 2 | 3 | 180 |
| PNP 5110 | Diagnostic Assessment & Procedures | 3 | |
| PNP 6610 | Acute Care of Children Theory 3A | 3 | |
| PNP 6620 | Acute Care of Children Practicum 3A | 3 | 180 |
| PNP 6580 | Primary Care of Children: Chronic Conditions | 3 | |
| PNP 6630 | Advanced Care of Children Practicum 3: Chronic Conditions | 4 | 180 |
| PNP 6710 | Primary Care of Children Theory 4: Complex Challenges | 3 | |
| PNP 6640 | Advanced Care of Children Practicum 4: Complex Challenges | 4 | 180 |
| Totals | | 85 | 900 |

In addition to the successful completion of the above course requirements, all DNP students must meet all the DNP project requirements set forth by the program. *A student that does not complete their DNP project during the project-related courses will be registered for a 1-credit project continuation course in subsequent semesters until the project is complete. **The minimum number of combined clinical practicum and DNP project experience hours is 1000. Many students, however, may be required to complete more than 1000 hours to meet minimum competency requirements for graduation and certification (when applicable).