



Curriculum effective Fall 2021

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

The Post-Baccalaureate Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Dual certification Acute care/Primary Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) Program 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 Acute care/Primary Care Pediatric 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 Acute care/Primary Care Pediatric 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.

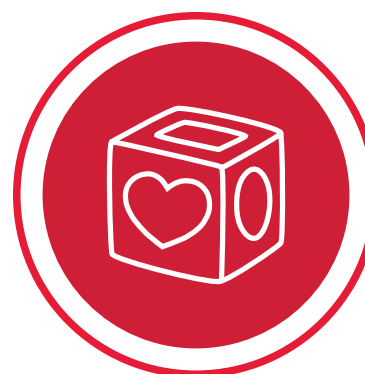
Curriculum: The Post-Baccalaureate DNP Dual certification Acute Care/Primary Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program is comprised of 85 credits with 900 clinical hours devoted to precepted NP clinical practice. The program can be completed in eleven (11) semesters of graduate study and is a hybrid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

Core Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Clinical Hrs.
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.**
NURS 6010	Clinical Scholarship	2	
NURS 6060	Clinical Inquiry for Evidence-Based Practice	3	
NURS 6930	Information Technology for Evidence-Based Practice	3	
CLDR 6440	Quality and Safety in Healthcare Theory	3	
CLDR 6400	Leadership Across the Continuum Theory	3	
NURS 6020	Management and Analysis of Health Data for the Doctor of Nursing Practice	3	





Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Project Hrs.**
NURS 6940	Evidence Translation & Implementation Science	3	
NURS 6780	Healthcare Economics & Business Practices	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.
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/Episodic 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	3	
PNP 6620	Acute Care of Children Practicum	3	180
PNP 6580	Primary and Advanced Care of Children Theory 3: Chronic Conditions	3	
PNP 6630	Primary and Advanced Care of Children Practicum 3	4	180
PNP 6710	Primary and Advanced Care of Children Theory 4: Contemporary Issues	3	
PNP 6640	Primary and Advanced Care of Children Practicum 4	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).