



Curriculum effective Fall 2023

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Post-Baccalaureate DNP Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program

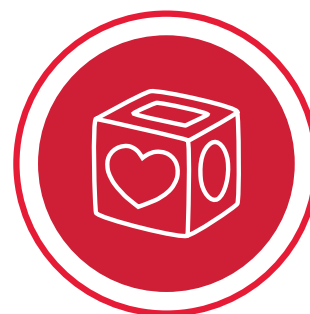
The Post-Baccalaureate Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) Program is based at the Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences Campus in Newark, NJ and is one of the few programs in the state that prepares PNPs with DNP degrees. Graduates are eligible to take the national certification as a primary care PNP offered through the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB).

Role and qualifications: Doctorally-prepared primary care PNPs 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 PNP 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. PNPs work collaboratively with other health care providers toward the best health outcome for their patients and their families.

Curriculum: The Post-Baccalaureate DNP-PNP Program is comprised of 74 credits with 765 precepted practicum hours. The following are the required courses for this program:



Core Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Clinical Hrs.
NURS 5104	Advanced Pathophysiology	3	
ADHA 5107	Advanced Health 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	
NURS 6040	Determinants of Health	3	
NURS 6780	Healthcare Economics & Business Practices	3	
CLDR 6400	Leadership Across the Continuum Theory	3	
NURS 6980	Epidemiology and Population Health	3	
CLDR 6440	Quality and Safety in Healthcare Theory	3	
NURS 6020	Management and Analysis of Health Data for the Doctor of Nursing Practice	3	
NURS 6940	Evidence Translation & Implementation Science	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 5103	Pediatric Advanced Physiology and Assessment	3	
PNP 5105	Pediatric Clinical Pharmacology	3	
NMID 6407	Nurse-Midwifery Theory 5: Management of the Neonate & Breastfeeding	2	
PNP 6560	Primary Care of Children Theory 1: Health Promotion	3	
PNP 6570	Primary Care of Children Practicum 1	3	225
PNP 6540	Primary Care of Children Theory 2: Common Mild/Episodic Illnesses	3	
PNP 6550	Primary Care of Children Practicum 2	3	180
PNP 6580	Primary and Advanced Care of Children Theory 3: Chronic Conditions	3	
PNP 6590	Primary and Advanced Care of Children Practicum 3	3	180
PNP 6710	Primary and Advanced Care of Children Theory 4: Contemporary Issues	3	
PNP 6720	Primary and Advanced Care of Children Practicum 4	3	180
Total Program Credits and Clinical Hours		74	765

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 who 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. Students, however, may be required to complete more than 1000 hours to meet minimum competency requirements for graduation and certification (when applicable).