



Curriculum effective Fall 2026

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Post-Baccalaureate DNP Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program

The Post-Baccalaureate Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Primary Care (PNP-PC) Program is based at the Rutgers Health 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 PNP-PC's demonstrate expert clinical knowledge that is grounded in advanced theory and evidence-based practice. The PNP-PC 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-PC 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 program is 67 credits with 780 precepted practicum hours and 250 DNP Project Experience hours. The following are the required courses for this program:

Core Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hrs.	Clinical Hrs.
XXXX 0000	Advanced Health Assessment	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Advanced Pathophysiology	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Advanced Pediatric Clinical Pharmacology	3.00	N/A

Subtotal Core Credits: 9.00

DNP Core Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hrs.	DNP Hrs.*
XXXX 0000	Role Development and Foundations of Practice	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Epidemiology and Biostatistics for Evidence-Based Practice	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Scholarly Inquiry, Appraisal, and Writing	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Health Data, Informatics, and Technology	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Strategic Leadership and Partnerships	3.00	35
XXXX 0000	Healthcare Delivery and Economics	3.00	35
XXXX 0000	Evidence-Based Approaches to Advanced Nursing Practice	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Advanced Population Health, Policy, and Advocacy	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	DNP Project Preparation	2.00	30
XXXX 0000	DNP Project Planning and Proposal Development	2.00	70
XXXX 0000	DNP Project Implementation	2.00	100
XXXX 0000	DNP Project Evaluation and Dissemination	2.00	50



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Subtotal DNP Core Credits: 32.00

Specialty Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hrs.	Clin. Hrs.
XXXX 0000	Advanced Pediatric Physiology and Assessment	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Foundations of Pediatric Care 1	4.00	60
XXXX 0000	Pediatric Common and Mild/Episodic Illnesses Theory 2	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Pediatric Primary Care Practicum 2	3.00	180
XXXX 0000	Pediatric Primary Care Practicum Intensive 1	3.00	180
XXXX 0000	Pediatric Advanced Care Theory 3	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Pediatric Advanced Primary Care Practicum 3	2.00	120
XXXX 0000	Pediatric Primary Care Final Practicum Intensive 2	4.00	240
XXXX 0000	PNP Primary Care Review	1.00	N/A

Subtotal Specialty Credits: 26.00

Total Program Credits:	67.00
Total Clinical Hours:	780 (minimum)
Total DNP Project Hours:	250 (minimum)
Total DNP Degree Hours:	1,030 (minimum)

*A student who does not complete their DNP Project during the project-related courses will be registered for a 1-credit DNP Project Continuation course (XXXX 0000) until the project sequence is complete.