Advanced Nursing Practice (Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner), DNP

Program Description

Degree Awarded: DNP Advanced Nursing Practice (Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner)

DNP graduates are prepared to practice at the most advanced level of nursing. This Doctor of Nursing Practice program, accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, provides a foundation for the specialty in acute care pediatrics through the application of theory to advance practice. Courses focus on the development of a framework for developmentally supportive, family-centered, culturally appropriate advanced nursing practice for infants and children with unstable chronic, complex acute, and life-threatening illnesses.

This program is offered in a hybrid in-person and iCourse format that requires students to travel to campus for up to a week for orientation at the beginning of the program and then two or three times per semester.

Focused clinical experiences are arranged with appropriate preceptors and administrators. Every attempt will be made to arrange this in the student’s geographical area. In the event that clinical sites are unavailable in that area or if the faculty determine the student needs additional faculty supervision of skills, the student will be required to complete the clinical experience in the Phoenix area. Experiences with disadvantaged and multicultural populations are encouraged, as are experiences in rural areas, and sites are available for these experiences.

At a Glance

- College/School: College of Nursing and Health Innovation
• **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus

### Degree Requirements

85 credit hours including a written comprehensive exam and an applied project (DNP 712)

#### Required Core (41 credit hours)
- DNP 601 Theoretical Foundations for Advance Practice Nursing (3)
- DNP 602 Evaluating Research for Practice (3)
- DNP 604 Advanced Human Pathophysiology Across Lifespan (4)
- DNP 609 Advanced Practice Nursing Role (1)
- DNP 641 Advanced Health Assessment Pediatrics (3)
- DNP 642 Applied Pharmacotherapeutics for Pediatrics (3)
- DNP 679 Biostatistics: Principals of Statistical Inference (3)
- DNP 703 Innovation in Communication-Scholarly and Professional Writing (2)
- DNP 704 Principles of Evidence-Based Care in Advanced Practice (4)
- DNP 705 Health Care Outcomes Management (3)
- DNP 708 Systems Thinking in a Complex Healthcare Environment (3)
- DNP 709 Individual and Innovation in Leadership in Healthcare Practice (3)
- DNP 711 Healthcare Policy and Innovation (3)
- DNP 715 Dynamics and Principles of Information in Health Care (3)

#### Concentration (29 credit hours)
- DNP 606 Principles of Pediatric Acute Care I (3)
- DNP 607 Advanced Pediatric Acute Care Practicum I (6)
- DNP 612 Pediatric Palliative and End-of-Life Care: Research, Theory and Clinical Implications (3)
- DNP 619 Principles of Pediatric Acute Care II (3)
- DNP 620 Advanced Pediatric Acute Care Practicum II (6)
- DNP 643 Developmentally Based Care of the Well Child (3)
- DNP 644 Well Child Advanced Practicum (2)
- DNP 659 Embryology and Genetics (3)

#### Other Requirement (12 credit hours)
- DNP 712 Clinical Residency and Management (12)

#### Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)
- DNP 707 Disseminating Evidence to Advance Best Practice in Health Care and Health Policy (3)

### Additional Curriculum Information

Nurse practitioner students complete 585 hours of clinical practicum work in the first 2 years of their degree program. They complete an additional 540 hours in their clinical residency course (DNP 712) for a total of 1125 clinical and residency hours.
Every student must complete 600 hours of direct patient care with a Nurse Practitioner or Physician preceptor in the clinical setting. Documented clinical experiences are required by the certification organization (PNCB) in order for the graduate to be eligible to take the national PNP-AC certification examination. Focused clinical experiences are arranged with appropriate preceptors and administrators. Every attempt will be made to arrange this in the student’s geographical area. In the event that clinical sites are unavailable in that area or if the faculty determine the student needs additional faculty supervision of skills, the student will be required to complete the clinical experience in the Phoenix area.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the College of Nursing and Health Innovation.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor’s or master’s degree in nursing from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. three professional letters of recommendation.
4. professional resume
5. goal statement
6. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

A current unencumbered RN license in the state in which the student plans to do clinical practicums is required. All students are also required to have an unencumbered Arizona RN license or an unencumbered compact state RN license as mandated by the Arizona State Board of Nursing. The RN license must remain unencumbered throughout enrollment in any nursing program.

An interview with program faculty is required.
One year of clinical experience working in the student's specialty population is preferred.

Health and safety requirements include passing disposition on a background clearance and satisfactory completion of a substance screen.

No admission examination is required.

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