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

Program Description

Degree Awarded: DNP Advanced Nursing Practice (Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner)
This DNP 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 advanced practice. The acute care pediatric nurse practitioner program prepares pediatric nurses to meet the physical, psychological and social needs of infants, children, adolescents and young adults. Specialty courses focus on assessment and management of a supportive, family-centered, culturally appropriate plan of care for pediatric patients with unstable chronic, complex acute, and life-threatening illnesses.

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

Focused clinical experiences are arranged with appropriate preceptors for students residing in Arizona. Students who live in Maricopa County are assigned clinical experiences in that geographic area. In-state students who live outside of Maricopa County may be assigned clinical placements in other areas of Arizona based on the college's ability to secure clinical agreements with those sites. In the event that clinical sites are unavailable in the student's geographical area or if the faculty determines the student needs additional faculty supervision for clinical progress in their program, the student is required to complete their clinical experience in the Phoenix area.

Students residing outside of Arizona are responsible for securing one or more clinical sites in their area of residence. These sites must be approved by Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation and a contract established with the site before starting any clinical experience.

Experiences with disadvantaged and multicultural populations are encouraged as are experiences in rural areas when sites are available for these experiences.

As a participating National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements member since May 5, 2015, Arizona State University is authorized to offer distance education to persons located in individual
states in accordance with the council's established policies and standards; program exceptions are noted on the ASU Authorizations website (https://asuonline.asu.edu/about-us/authorizations/). A program exception means that the listed programs are not available to students located within the state.

The Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation prepares graduates for excellence upon entering the workplace. Since certification and licensure requirements vary by profession and from state-to-state, students should review professional licensure information (https://asuonline.asu.edu/about-us/licensure/) to determine the requirements of individual state licensures or national certifications.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation](https://asuonline.asu.edu/about-us/authorizations/)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix campus](https://asuonline.asu.edu/about-us/authorizations/)

Degree Requirements

85 credit hours including an applied project (DNP 707)

**Required Core (21 credit hours)**
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 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)

**Concentration (26 credit hours)**
DNP 606 Principles of Pediatric Acute Care I (3)
DNP 607 Advanced Pediatric Acute Care Practicum I (6)
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 649 Advanced Physiology (3)

**Other Requirement (32 credit hours)**
DNP 601 Theoretical Foundations for Advance Practice Nursing (3)
DNP 602 Evaluating Research for Practice (3)
DNP 679 Biostatistics: Principals of Statistical Inference (3)
DNP 703 Innovation in Communication: Scholarly and Professional Writing (2)
DNP 709 Individual and Innovation in Leadership in Healthcare Practice (3)
DNP 711 Healthcare Policy and Innovation (3)
DNP 712 Clinical Residency and Management (12)
DNP 715 Dynamics and Principles of Information in Health Care (3)

Electives (3 credit hours)

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 two years of their degree program. They complete an additional 540 hours in their clinical residency course (DNP 712) for a total of 1,125 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 Pediatric Nursing Certification Board in order for the graduate to be eligible to take the national Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Acute Care certification examination. Focused clinical experiences are arranged with appropriate preceptors and administrators. Every attempt is 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 is required to complete the clinical experience in the Phoenix area.

When approved by the student's supervisory committee and the Graduate College, this program allows up to 30 credit hours from a previously awarded master's degree to be used for this program.

Other requirement coursework may be substituted with approval of the academic unit if the student is in an approved concurrent program.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Edson 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 cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (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 must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

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.

**Application Deadlines**

**Fall**

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**Career Opportunities**

Doctor of Nursing Practice graduates are prepared to practice at the most advanced level of nursing.

The acute care pediatric nurse practitioner role has grown exponentially in the past decade and the demand for board certified advanced practice acute care providers has never been higher. Graduates of the Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation advanced practice nursing DNP program are prepared to provide health care for newborns and children, to young adulthood, in careers that include:

- inpatient hospitalist services
- specialty service providers
- critical care providers
- emergency care providers
- acute care home services
- transport teams
- education and training of future health care providers