Advanced Nursing Practice (Pediatric Nurse Practitioner), DNP

Program Description

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

This DNP program, accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, provides a foundation for this specialty through the application of theory to advance practice. The primary care pediatric nurse practitioner program prepares pediatric nurses to meet the physical, psychological and social needs of infants, children, adolescents and young adults (birth to 21 years of age).

Coursework focuses on the development of a framework for supportive, family-centered, culturally appropriate advanced nursing practice for pediatric patients. Using best evidence, specialty pediatric courses focus on health promotion and the assessment and management of health care for well infants, children, adolescents and young adults as well as those with minor, acute and stable complex and chronic health disorders.

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

Focused clinical experiences are arranged with appropriate preceptors for students residing in Arizona. In-state 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
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus

Degree Requirements

84 credit hours including the required applied project course (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 (34 credit hours)**

DNP 643 Developmentally Based Care of the Well Child (3)
DNP 644 Well Child Advanced Practicum (3)
DNP 645 Management of Common Problems in Pediatric Primary Care (3)
DNP 646 Management of Common Problems in Pediatric Primary Care Practicum (5)
DNP 647 Management of Complex and Chronic Health Problems in Pediatric Primary Care (3)
DNP 648 Management of Complex and Chronic Health Problems in Pediatric Primary Care Practicum (5)
DNP 712 Clinical Residency and Management (12)

**Other Requirement (20 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 Leadership in Healthcare Practice (3)
DNP 711 Healthcare Policy and Innovation (3)
DNP 715 Dynamics and Principles of Information in Health Care (3)

Electives and Research (6 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
Completion of an evidence-based doctoral applied project focused on a clinical issue relevant to advanced practice nursing is required.

The American Nurses Credentialing Center has recommended a minimum of 1,000 postbaccalaureate practicum hours for all students completing a DNP. This program includes 1,125 practicum hours, exceeding the ANCC requirement.

For electives or research, students should see the academic unit for the approved course list. Other coursework may be used with the approval of the academic unit.

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 nationally recognized, 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. resume
5. goal statement
6. admission essay
7. 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 per the Graduate College requirement and all requirements for the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools.

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 within 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

Career Opportunities

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

The pediatric nurse practitioner role is well established in all urban and most rural areas of Arizona. Advanced practice nursing graduates are prepared to provide comprehensive health care for newborns and youths. Possible careers include:

- clinical education and training of future health care providers
- community health centers
- fast track emergency department
- outpatient primary and secondary health care clinics
- specialty healthcare

Contact Information