Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (Certificate)

This certificate program is designed for nurses seeking to become pediatric nurse practitioners.

Providing a foundation for this certificate are graduate courses in application of theory to advanced practice, application of evidence to advanced practice, advanced pathophysiology, advanced health assessment and advanced pharmacology. Advanced pediatric nursing theory and clinical courses focus on the development of a framework for developmentally supportive, family-centered, culturally appropriate advanced nursing practice with infants, children and families.

At a Glance

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

Degree Requirements

32 credit hours

Required Core (32 credit hours)
DNP 640 Advanced Human Pathophysiology Pediatrics (4)
DNP 641 Advanced Health Assessment Pediatrics (3)
DNP 642 Applied Pharmacotherapeutics for Pediatrics (3)
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 Problems Pediatric Primary Care Practicum (5)

Additional Curriculum Information
Nurses who complete this certificate program meet the eligibility requirements to take a national pediatric nurse practitioner certification examination. In addition to completing didactic courses, students complete 13 credit hours (585 clock hours) of pediatric practicum experiences in a community setting.

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 and master's degree in nursing from a nationally recognized, regionally accredited academic institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their 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. documentation of a current unencumbered RN license in the state in which the student plans to do clinical practicums
4. three professional letters of recommendation
5. resume
6. goal statement
7. admission essay
8. 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 per the Graduate College requirement and all requirements for the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools.
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.

Applicants are required to have an in-person interview with the program faculty.

Applicants are asked to read The Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice (2006) and then submit an admission essay. It should contain the following:

- description of career goals for the next 5 to 10 years and discussion about how an NP certificate from ASU will help meet these goals
- description of how meeting one of the first seven essentials (from the prescribed reading, above) will further the career goals

All Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation students are required to complete health and safety requirements, and they must have a passing disposition on a background clearance and satisfactory completion of a substance screen with the program's identified agency.

One year of clinical experience working within the student's specialty population is preferred.

For U.S. Department of Education Gainful Employment Program Disclosure information, students should refer to the College of Nursing and Health Innovation website.

**Application Deadlines**

**Summer**

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