Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (Graduate Certificate)

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Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (Certificate)

This certificate program, accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, is designed for nurses who are board-certified in a different advanced practice nursing specialty area who seek additional certification as a primary care pediatric nurse practitioner and for nurses with a doctoral degree in nursing who seek to become a pediatric nurse practitioner. It also is a pathway for a DNP degree.

The primary care pediatric nurse practitioner certificate program prepares nurses to meet the physical, psychological and social needs of infants, children, adolescents and young adults (birth to 21 years of age). Core courses, including advanced pharmacology, advanced pathophysiology, advanced health assessment and others determined by the student's unique educational-work experience gap analysis, must be completed within the previous five years to be eligible for transfer credit. Using best evidence, specialty courses focus on health promotion and the assessment and management of culturally appropriate plans 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. 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 the program, the student is required to complete the 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

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 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. 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 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.

International students who need an F1 or J1 visa first need to apply to and be accepted into a graduate degree program prior to being considered for the certificate program. International students residing in the USA on other types of visas must adhere to all Graduate College policies and procedures regarding admission be considered for admission to this certificate program.

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 five 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.

Application Deadlines

Summer

Career Opportunities

The pediatric nurse practitioner role is well established in all urban and most rural areas of Arizona. Graduates are prepared to provide comprehensive health care for infants, children, adolescents and young adults. Careers include:

• clinical education and training of future health care providers
• community health centers
• fast track emergency departments
• outpatient primary and secondary health care clinics
• specialty health care

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