

ACUTE CARE PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER, MSN

Degree: Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

Field of Study: Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

Program Overview

Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioners are responsible for promoting the overall health of chronic, acute or critically ill children. In this program, you will discover best practices to diagnose and treat acute, critical, and chronic illness in children. You will also learn to coordinate interdisciplinary models of referral, relationships, ethical behavior, conflict resolutions and the implementation of health plans for critically or acutely ill children.

Major Requirements

The pediatric nurse practitioner major in acute care, as part of FPB's MSN program, requires 45 hours of coursework, plus over 600 clinical hours. Graduates are eligible for the certification exam conducted by the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board.

- A dual major in Pediatric Nurse Practitioner-Primary Care and Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner is available by taking only one additional course and 200 additional clinical hours.
- Post-master's certificates can be obtained, crafted according to individual needs and background education.
- One year of recent acute care pediatric nurse experience required for admission.

Sample Plan of Study

First Year

Fall		Hours
NURS 405	Inquiry I - Theoretical Foundations	2
NURS 453	Advanced Pathophysiology	4
NURS 459	Advanced Health Assessment	3
NUNP 410	Health Promotion Across the Life Span	2
NUNP 401	Development and Health Promotion in Children and Adolescents	3
Hours		14

Spring

NURS 425	Inquiry II - Research Process	3
NURS 430	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NUNP 402	Common and Acute Health Problems of Children	6
NURS 444B	Health Care Delivery and Finance in Advanced Practice	1
Hours		13

Summer

NURS 502	Inquiry III Evidence-Based Practice	2
NURS 451	Leadership for Quality Healthcare within Organizations and Systems	3

NURS 444A	Ethical Issues in Advanced Nursing Practice	1
Hours		6
Second Year		
Fall		
NUNP 403	Advanced Management in Pediatric Primary Care	5
NUNP 455	Management of Complex Acute Problems in Children and Adolescents I	4
NURS 431	Psychosocial and Spiritual Dimensions of Advanced Nursing Practice	2
NURS 444C	Health Policy Legislation and Legal Issues in Advanced Practice	1
Hours		12
Spring		
NUNP 456	Management of Complex Acute Problems in Children and Adolescents II	5
Hours		5
Total Hours		50