# PEDIATRIC PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER, MSN

**Degree:** Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)
**Field of Study:** Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

## Program Overview

Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (PNPs) are advanced degree nurses who provide primary health care for children from infancy to 21 years of age, including physical, psychosocial, and family dimensions of health. They diagnose and treat childhood illnesses, provide immunizations, perform developmental screenings and physical assessments, and much more in their objective to protect and enhance the health of children. Along with pediatricians and other providers, PNPs practice in settings such as private practice, primary care clinics, community health centers, and hospitals.

## Major Requirements

As part of FPB's MSN program, the PNP major requires 40 credit hours of coursework, plus 600 hours of clinicals. The coursework is usually completed within 18 months (four semesters) for full-time students, and courses are offered in a distance-friendly format.

## Sample Plan of Study

**First Year**

| Fall | | Hours |
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| NURS 405 | Inquiry I - Theoretical Foundations | 2 |
| NURS 453 | Advanced Pathophysiology | 4 |
| NURS 459 | Advanced Physical 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 | | |
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| 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 | | |
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| 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 | | |
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| NURS 431 | Psychosocial and Spiritual Dimensions of Advanced Nursing Practice | 2 |
| NUNP 403 | Advanced Management in Pediatric Primary Care | 5 |
| NURS 444C | Health Policy Legislation and Legal Issues in Advanced Practice | 1 |
| | **Hours** | **8** |
| | **Total Hours** | **41** |