

# Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Pediatric Nurse Practitioner track is designed to prepare advanced practice nurses for the current and future healthcare systems. The program emphasizes community-based primary healthcare for pediatric patients. Additional attention is placed on the specific healthcare needs of youth/families in underserved and rural communities. Pediatric Nurse Practitioner skills include identification of acute illnesses; nursing and medical management of commonly encountered acute and chronic illnesses in collaboration and consultation with an interdisciplinary team; development of a knowledge base of community needs and resources available for health promotion; health teaching, guidance, and counseling of clients and their families about illness and its prevention; and health promotion, maintenance, and management.

This Program is offered at both the MSN and Post-Master's level.

The PNP MSN program can be combined with Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) preparation in Community/Public Health.

## PROGRAM FORMAT

- 48 credits for MSN; 24-35 credits for Post-Master's certificate
- 20 months fulltime; or 32 months parttime (at 2 courses/term) for MSN
  - Post-Master's program can be completed fulltime in as little as 12 months
  - 672 clinical hours
  - One of the two preceptorships should occur outside of Charlottesville/Albemarle County.

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Students who complete the Master's Degree program in Pediatric Nurse Practitioner are able to:

- Demonstrate skill in interpreting pertinent biopsychosocial evidence derived from individual and family assessments including health histories, physical examinations, laboratory and diagnostic sources, and current literature.
- Formulate different diagnoses and treatment plans for selected acute and chronic illnesses based on an analysis of biopsychosocial data and current research findings.
- Develop and initiate management strategies for common health problems.
- Present assessment data, both orally and written, in an organized manner.
- Evaluate community resources that provide services to clients with particular health needs.
- Successfully pass the ANCC or NAPNAP certification examination for Pediatric Nurse Practitioner.

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Students meet all admissions requirements including the completion of a course in statistics (within the past five years). Applicants must have a BSN degree from an accredited institution, and should have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Enrolled students must have a current, unencumbered RN license. Prior work experience as a RN is not required; new BSN grads may enroll as part-time students.

Full-time MSN students should start in the Fall; part-time students may begin any term.

Post-Master's students may enroll in any semester (depending on prior coursework).

International students must demonstrate ability in English, and must submit TOEFL or IELTS scores. The deadline for international students is February 1.

Application deadlines:

Fall Semester	April 1
Summer Term	April 1
Spring Semester	November 1



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Sample Program of Study

(MSN student, full-time option)

48 credits

### *Fall Semester*

Epidemiology & World Health (3)  
Research Processes & Biostatistics (4)  
Pathophysiology (4)  
Advanced Practice Role I: Acquisition (2)

### *Spring Semester*

Theoretical Foundations in Nursing (3)  
Pharmacology (4)  
Advanced Health Assessment (3)

### *Summer Session*

Health Policy: Local to Global (3)  
Primary Care NP Seminar I (3)

### *Fall Semester*

Nutrition in Health Promotion (2)  
Primary Care NP Seminar II (2)  
Primary Care Preceptorship I (6)

### *Spring Semester*

Primary Care NP Seminar III (2)  
Primary Care Preceptorship II (6)  
Advanced Practice Role II: Transition (1)

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Sample Program of Study

(Post-Master's student)

### *Fall Semester*

Pathophysiology (4)  
Advanced Practice Role I: Acquisition (2)

### *Spring Semester*

Pharmacology (4)  
Advanced Health Assessment (3)

### *Summer Session*

Primary Care NP Seminar I (3)

### *Fall Semester*

Primary Care NP Seminar II (2)  
Primary Care Preceptorship I (6)

### *Spring Semester*

Primary Care NP Seminar III (2)  
Primary Care Preceptorship II (5)  
Advanced Practice Role II: Transition (1)