Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

PROGRAM OVERVIEW
The Pediatric Nurse Practitioner track is designed to prepare advanced practice nurses for the current and future health care systems. The program emphasizes community-based primary health care for pediatric patients. Additional attention is placed on the specific health care 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 the DNP and MSN degree levels, as well as at the Certificate level (for those with a MSN in a different specialty area). Applicants with a Generalist MSN (CNL, education, informatics, forensics, etc.,) should apply for the BSN-DNP pathway and then apply for the transfer of credit after enrollment.

PROGRAM FORMAT
- 48 credits for MSN; 24-35 credits for Certificate; 77.5 credits for DNP.
- Fulltime study: MSN in 21 months full-time; DNP in 33 months.
- Part-time study: MSN in 33 months; Certificate in 21 months; DNP in 5 years for MSN at 2 courses per term
  - 644 clinical hours for MSN/Certificate; 1148 for DNP

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES
Students who complete the Master’s or DNP 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 must meet all admissions requirements, including the completion of a course in statistics. Applicants must have a BSN or MSN degree from an accredited institution, and should have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Enrolled students must have a current RN license and be eligible for a Virginia RN license.

International students must demonstrate ability in English, and must submit TOEFL or IELTS scores.

Application deadline:
Fall 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)
  Advanced Pathophysiology (4)
  Role I: APRN Role Acquisition (2)

Spring Semester
  Clinical Decision-Making
    in Advanced Practice Nursing (2)
  Advanced Pharmacology (4)
  Advanced Health Assessment (3)

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

Fall Semester
  Theoretical Foundations in Nursing (3)
  Primary Care NP Seminar II (2)
  Primary Care Preceptorship I (6)

Spring Semester
  Primary Care NP Seminar III (2)
  Primary Care Preceptorship II (6)
  Role II: APRN Role Transition (1)

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Sample Program of Study
(Certificate student)

Fall Semester
  Advanced Pathophysiology (4)
  Role I: APRN Role Acquisition (2)

Spring Semester
  Clinical Decision-Making
    in Advanced Practice Nursing (2)
  Advanced Pharmacology (4)
  Advanced Health Assessment (3)

Summer Session
  Primary Care Seminar I for PNPs (3)

Fall Semester
  Primary Care Seminar II for PNPs (2)
  Primary Care Preceptorship I (5)

Spring Semester
  Primary Care Seminar III for PNPs (2)
  Health Policy: Local to Global (3)
  Management of Pediatric Health Disorders (2)
  Practicum: Women’s Health (.5)

Fall Semester
  Business & Finance for Adv. Nursing Practice (3)
  Primary Care Preceptorship I (5)
  Concepts & Methods in Health Systems Research (3)

Spring Semester
  Nursing Ethics for Advanced Practice (3)
  Evaluation & Dissemination of Scholarly Practice Project (2)
  Primary Care Preceptorship II (5)

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(BSN-DNP student, full-time option)

Fall Semester
  Biostatistics in Healthcare (3)
  Advanced Pathophysiology (4)
  Epidemiology & Global Health (3)
  DNP Seminar: Foundations for EBP (2)

Spring Semester
  Evidence Based Practice (3)
  Advanced Pharmacology (4)
  Advanced Health Assessment (3)
  Roles for Advanced Nursing Practice (2)

Summer Session
  DNP Practicum I (5)
  Health Behavior & Health Promotion (3)

Fall Semester
  Quality & Safety in Advanced Nursing Practice (3)
  DNP Practicum II (5)

January Term
  Primary Care NP Seminar I for PNPs (3)

Spring Semester
  Managing Information Technology (3)
  Primary Care NP Seminar II for PNPs (2)
  Primary Care NP Seminar III for PNPs (2)
  Health Policy: Local to Global (3)
  Management of Pediatric Health Disorders (2)
  Practicum: Women’s Health (.5)

Fall Semester
  Business & Finance for Adv. Nursing Practice (3)
  Primary Care Preceptorship I (5)
  Concepts & Methods in Health Systems Research (3)

Spring Semester
  Nursing Ethics for Advanced Practice (3)
  Evaluation & Dissemination of Scholarly Practice Project (2)
  Primary Care Preceptorship II (5)

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