

Advanced Nursing Practice (Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner), DNP

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Program description

Degree awarded: DNP Advanced Nursing Practice (Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner)

The acute care pediatric nurse practitioner concentration of the DNP program is an advanced nursing practice degree. This program prepares graduates to provide holistic, client-centered care to meet the physical, psychological and social needs of infants, children, adolescents and young adults.

This is a hybrid program, a blend of in-person and online learning. Students are required to travel to campus for orientation once and for immersions two or three times per semester.

Core courses include pharmacology, advanced pathophysiology and advanced health assessment. Specialty courses focus on assessment and management of a supportive, family-centered, culturally appropriate plan of care for pediatric patients with chronic, complex acute, and life-threatening illnesses. Any deficiency courses determined by the student's unique gap analysis must have been completed within the past five years to be eligible for credit.

In addition to advanced nursing specialty-focused outcomes, the Doctor of Nursing Practice program engages students to meet doctoral-level competencies in systems-level thinking, complexity science, quality and safety, evidence-based practice, and the development of a doctoral project within a partner organization to improve outcomes at the patient, provider or health care system level. Students are educated as leaders at the highest level of nursing practice to translate research into practice, lead in multidisciplinary teams, and engage in health care policy and advocacy to improve patient outcomes.

Focused clinical experiences are arranged for students residing in Maricopa County, Arizona. Students should expect to travel throughout Maricopa County and, in some cases, surrounding counties to complete their assigned clinical placement.

Students residing outside of Maricopa County are responsible for identifying the required number of clinical sites in their area of residence and for identifying preceptors and sites willing to accommodate clinical rotations. Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation must approve these sites before students start any clinical experience; the Doctor of Nursing Practice program office does not guarantee a

clinical placement site for any student outside Maricopa County. If, during the program, faculty determine that the student needs additional supervision for clinical progress in the program, the student must complete clinical experiences in the Phoenix area.

The program offers clinical rotations in health profession shortage areas throughout the state, in both urban underserved and rural areas, which provide students with multicultural experiences to enhance professional development.

As a participating National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements member, Arizona State University is authorized to offer distance education to persons located in individual State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement member states in accordance with the council's established policies and standards. California is not a State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement member, and the California Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education does not regulate out-of-state public institutions offering online and in-person education from Arizona. ASU may offer educational activities in California. There are some exceptions for specific programs at Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation; these are noted on the [ASU state authorizations](#) website.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#)

Degree requirements

85 credit hours including the required applied project course (DNP 707)

Required Core (13 credit hours)

DNP 704 Principles of Evidence-Based Care in Advanced Practice (4)

DNP 705 Health Care Outcome Management (3)

DNP 708 Systems Thinking in a Complex Healthcare Environment (3)

DNP 709 Individual and Innovation Leadership in Healthcare Practice (3)

Concentration (26 credit hours)

DNP 606 Principles of Pediatric Acute Care I (3)

DNP 607 Advanced Pediatric Acute Care Practicum I (6)

DNP 619 Principles of Pediatric Acute Care II (3)

DNP 620 Advanced Pediatric Acute Care Practicum II (6)

DNP 643 Developmentally Based Care of the Well Child (3)

DNP 644 Well Child Advanced Practicum (2)

DNP 649 Advanced Physiology (3)

Other Requirements (40 credit hours)

DNP 601 Theoretical Foundations for Advance Practice Nursing (3)
DNP 602 Evaluating Research for Practice (3)
DNP 604 Advanced Human Pathophysiology Across Lifespan (4)
DNP 609 Advanced Practice Nursing Role (1)
DNP 641 Advanced Health Assessment Pediatrics (3)
DNP 642 Applied Pharmacotherapeutics for Pediatrics (3)
DNP 679 Biostatistics: Principals of Statistical Inference (3)
DNP 703 Innovation in Communication: Scholarly and Professional Writing (2)
DNP 711 Healthcare Policy and Innovation (3)
DNP 712 Clinical Residency and Management (12)
DNP 715 Dynamics and Principles of Information in Health Care (3)

Electives (3 credit hours)**Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)**

DNP 707 Disseminating Evidence to Advance Best Practice in Health Care and Health Policy (3)

Additional Curriculum Information

Nurse practitioner students complete 585 hours of clinical practicum work in the first two years of their degree program. They complete an additional 540 hours in their clinical residency course (DNP 712), for a total of 1,125 clinical and residency hours.

Every student must complete 600 hours of direct patient care with a nurse practitioner or physician preceptor in the clinical setting. Documented clinical experiences are required by the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board for the graduate to be eligible to take the national Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Acute Care certification examination. Focused clinical experiences are arranged with appropriate preceptors and administrators. Every attempt is made to arrange this in the student's geographical area. In the event that clinical sites are unavailable in that area or if the faculty determine that the student needs additional faculty supervision of skills, the student is required to complete the clinical experience in the Phoenix area.

When approved by the student's supervisory committee and the Graduate College, up to 30 credit hours from a previously awarded master's degree can be used for this program.

Other requirement coursework may be substituted with approval of the academic unit if the student is in an approved concurrent program.

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 or master's degree in nursing from a regionally accredited 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 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. three professional letters of recommendation
4. professional resume
5. goal statement
6. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide [proof of English proficiency](#) regardless of their current residency

A current unencumbered RN license in the state in which the student plans to do clinical practicums is required. 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.

An interview with program faculty is required.

One year of clinical experience working in the student's specialty population is preferred.

Health and safety requirements include passing disposition on a background clearance and satisfactory completion of a substance screen.

An admission examination is not required.

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Application deadlines

Fall

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Career opportunities

Graduates are prepared to excel upon entering the workplace and to practice at the most advanced level of nursing.

The acute care pediatric nurse practitioner role has grown exponentially in the past decade, and the demand for board-certified advanced practice acute care providers has never been higher. Graduates are prepared to provide health care for newborns and children up to young adulthood in careers that include:

- acute care home services
- critical care provision
- education and training of future health care providers
- emergency care provision
- inpatient hospitalist services
- specialty service provision
- transport teams

Professional licensure

ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the [ASU professional licensure](#) webpage.

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