

# Pediatric Nurse Practitioner– Primary Care (PNP-PC)

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) with a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner–Primary Care (PNP-PC) specialty (<https://www.apu.edu/nursing/programs/msn-np/>) prepares students to be nurse practitioners with children and families in primary health care settings. This advanced practice specialty includes direct client assessment, diagnosis, management and treatment, client advocacy, and client/family education. Graduates are eligible to apply to the state of California Board of Registered Nursing (<https://www.rn.ca.gov/>) for certification as a nurse practitioner, and may apply for national PNP-PC certification through examination.

## Requirements

Code	Title	Units
<b>Academic Core Courses</b>		<b>10</b>
GNRS 504	Bioethics and Healthcare Policy	3
GNRS 506	Spiritual Concept Analysis in Health Care	3
GNRS 508A	Research and Theory in Advanced Practice Nursing	4
<b>Academic and Advanced Practice Core Courses</b>		<b>14</b>
GNRS 510	Family Theory in Health Care	2
GNRS 511 or GNRS 612	Advanced Pediatric Health Assessment and Health Promotion <sup>1</sup> Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning	4 (3/1)
GNRS 513	Advanced Nursing Practice Role	2
GNRS 610	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
GNRS 611	Advanced Pharmacology	3
<b>Advanced Practice Specialty Courses</b>		<b>19</b>
GNRS 532	Advanced Nursing Practice in Pediatrics	6 (3/3)
GNRS 542	Advanced Concepts and Competencies in Pediatric Primary Health Care	3 (1/2)
GNRS 590A	Primary Health Care of the Young Family	6 (3/3)
GNRS 590B	Clinical Practicum in Pediatrics	4 (0/4)
<b>Specialization Option Course (No Requirement)</b>		
The following course is optional:		
GNRS 543	Transitions Across the Care Continuum	4 (2/2)
<b>Concluding Course(s)</b>		<b>1-3</b>
GNRS 597	Comprehensive Examination Directed Study	1
or		
GNRS 598 & GNRS 514	Thesis and Research Proposal Writing	3
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>44-50</b>

<sup>1</sup> Units in parentheses are classroom/clinical units.

## Admission

University graduate admission and program-specific requirements must be met before an application is complete (see Admission to the University (<http://catalog.apu.edu/admissions/>)). **Program-specific application requirements are available online (<https://www.apu.edu/graduateprofessional/apply/>).**

International students should contact Graduate and Professional Admissions (<https://www.apu.edu/graduateprofessional/apply/>) for application procedures.