

MSN and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner–Primary Care (PNP-PC) and School Nurse Services Credential (SNSC)

This combined specialty program (<https://www.apu.edu/nursing/programs/msn-snsc-pnp/>) prepares nurses to be effective practitioners of school health and provide primary care for children in a variety of other settings. Through the program, students develop theoretical and practical expertise in nursing and education applied to basic health services in the public schools (K-12). This enables them to establish, maintain, and coordinate a comprehensive school health program. The advanced practice pediatric nurse practitioner-primary care specialty includes direct client assessment, diagnosis, management and treatment, client advocacy, and client/family education. Graduates are eligible to apply to California for the School Nurse Services Credential. They are also eligible to apply to the California Board of Registered Nursing (<https://www.rn.ca.gov>) for certification as a nurse practitioner, and may apply for national PNP certification through examination.

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Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Academic Core Courses		10
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
Advanced Practice Core Courses		14
GNRS 510	Family Theory in Health Care	2
GNRS 511	Advanced Pediatric Health Assessment and Health Promotion ¹	4 (3/1)
or GNRS 612	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning	
GNRS 513	Advanced Nursing Practice Role	2
GNRS 610	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
GNRS 611	Advanced Pharmacology	3
Advanced Practice Specialty Courses		28
EDUC 537	Curriculum Development, Revision, and Evaluation Process	3
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 550A	Theory and Practice in School Nursing	6 (3/3)
GNRS 590A	Primary Health Care of the Young Family	6 (3/3)
GNRS 590B	Clinical Practicum in Pediatrics	4 (0/4)
Concluding Courses		1-3
Select from the following:		
GNRS 597	Comprehensive Examination Directed Study	1
- or -		
GNRS 598 & GNRS 514	Thesis and Research Proposal Writing	3
Total Units for the MSN: PNP and SNSC ²		53-55

¹ Numbers in parentheses are classroom/clinical units.

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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.