

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

The Pediatric Nurse Practitioner–Primary Care (PNP-PC) Certificate (<https://www.apu.edu/nursing/programs/pediatric-nurse-practitioner/>) program is a nondegree course credit option for nurses with a master's degree in nursing.¹ This program prepares students with primary healthcare skills through didactic education and clinical supervision. Nurses who complete this program are eligible to apply to the California Board of Registered Nursing for certification as a nurse practitioner, and may apply for national PNP-PC certification through examination. **Note: Students must be admitted to the university before registering for this program (see Admission section below).**

¹ Students may be given transfer credits for previous content completed in a master's degree program. Students who hold current California certification as a nurse practitioner or nurse midwife, and students who hold a master's degree in nursing and/or national certification as a clinical nurse specialist (CNS), may challenge or request waiver of the coursework required for the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner program, as appropriate to the student's current specialty. Petitions for challenge or waiver of courses must be initiated upon admission and approved by the MSN chair. Students must show proof of current nurse practitioner, nurse midwife, or clinical nurse specialist certification.

Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Advanced Practice Core Courses		12
GNRS 511 or GNRS 612	Advanced Pediatric Health Assessment and Health Promotion ¹ Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning	4 (3/1)
GNRS 513	Advanced Nursing Practice Role ²	2
GNRS 610	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
GNRS 611	Advanced Pharmacology	3
Advanced Practice Specialty Courses		21
GNRS 510	Family Theory in Health Care	2
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)
Specialization Option Course		
The following course is optional:		
GNRS 543	Transitions Across the Care Continuum	4 (2/2)
Total Units		33-37

¹ Units in parentheses are classroom/clinical units.

² This requirement is waived for 1992-96 APU master's graduates, as the content was integrated in the clinical courses.

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.

Program Learning Outcomes

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Students who successfully complete this program shall be able to:

1. Articulate a Christian worldview, demonstrating respect for the dignity and uniqueness of others, valuing diversity, and applying spiritual concepts.
2. Engage in scholarly inquiry and critical thinking, including evaluation and application of evidence-based research.

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3. Appraise and apply knowledge to develop, implement, and evaluate interventions that promote health and prevent disease.
4. Demonstrate thoughtful analysis of the legal, political, ethical, and/or financial factors impacting healthcare.
5. Use information systems and technology to communicate, manage knowledge, promote quality, mitigate error and support decision-making.
6. Demonstrate the ability to coordinate and collaborate with other health care team professionals.
7. Engage in clinical reasoning, effective communication, and act as change agents to develop professional identity and practice skill.