The Masters of Science in Nursing with a concentration in Pediatric Nurse Practitioner is a five-semester course of study that builds on and expands baccalaureate nursing knowledge with preparation for advanced practice roles specializing in pediatric primary care. The focus is advanced theoretical knowledge and practice skills needed to function in increasingly complex care settings. Emphasis is placed on evidence-based practice, outcomes management, clinical research, and advanced clinical decision making.

Graduates are prepared to assume the role of advanced practice nurse in pediatric primary care from birth through adolescence. At completion of the PNP course of study, graduates are eligible to take the national certifying examination and may apply for an advanced practice nurse license, as appropriate in their legal state of practice.

**Concentration Objectives**

1. Provide health maintenance and health promotion services to individuals and families.
2. Diagnose and treat a variety of common health problems (actual and potential) commonly encountered in primary care settings.
3. Utilize advanced practice nursing knowledge and clinical skills to help patients achieve and/or maintain optimal health or to manage chronic conditions.
4. Demonstrate critical thinking and analysis in the provision of safe, patient-centered, effective, and evidence-based primary care services.
5. Provide knowledgeable and sensitive services to multicultural and diverse patient groups and families.
6. Provide holistic care and serve as a patient advocate in accordance with the Christian belief in the dignity and worth of the individual and family.

**Clinical Requirements**

A minimum of 600 clinical practicum hours are required for the advanced practice role as a pediatric nurse practitioner. Students will gain experience in pediatric primary care within settings specializing in Pediatrics and Women’s Health.

These clinical experiences are accomplished under the guidance of a faculty member and a community-based faculty approved preceptor.

The graduate nursing curriculum consists of courses in three areas of study:

1. The advanced practice nursing core (required of all students)
2. The advanced practice specialty core
3. The nursing clinical and/or functional specialization
MSN Core Requirements*
NURS 5000
  Theoretical Basis of Nursing Practice .................................................. 3 s.h.
NURS 5001
  Research Designs in Nursing ............................................................... 3 s.h.
NURS 5010
  Social, Cultural, and Political Perspectives on Healthcare and Delivery Systems ............................................. 3 s.h.
NURS 5014
  Health Informatics ................................................................................... 3 s.h.
NURS 5022
  Research Seminar ..................................................................................... 3 s.h.

*Core Courses are offered in an online delivery format

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Concentration Requirements
NURS 5002
  Advanced Pathophysiology ..................................................................... 3 s.h.
NURS 5004
  Advanced Physical Assessment and Health Promotion ....................... 3 s.h.
NURS 5006
  Advanced Pharmacology ........................................................................ 3 s.h.
NURS 5018
  Care of Women and Families .................................................................. 3 s.h.
NURS 5020
  Pediatric Growth and Development/Health Promotion and Illness Prevention .............................................. 6 s.h.
NURS 5023
  Care of Pediatric Population .................................................................... 3 s.h.
NURS 5025
  Seminar and Intensive Practicum—Pediatric Acute Illness and Chronic Disease Management .............................................. 6 s.h.
NURS 5026
  Practice Management and Advanced Role Development .................... 3 s.h.
NURS 5990
  Comprehensive Assessment ....................................................................... 0 s.h.

Total ............................................................................................................... 45 s.h.