MS in Nursing with Emphasis in Pediatric Nurse Practitioner-Primary Care

Students who pursue the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner area of study will be prepared as primary pediatric nurse clinicians providing comprehensive healthcare from birth through young adulthood by assessment, diagnosis, management, and evaluation of care. Special emphasis is placed on the knowledge, skills, and expertise to emphasize health promotion, injury and disease prevention, and management in coping with chronic illness among children.

- Manage clinical efforts in the primary care setting
- Provide visionary leadership
- Implement evidence-based practice

Degree Requirements

The MS(N) Pediatric Nurse Practitioner – Primary Care curriculum provides core master’s coursework in combination with Pediatric Nurse Practitioner specialty courses. Pediatric Nurse Practitioner – Primary Care specialty courses focus on care of the patient and the family, with a special emphasis on the rural and underserved. They do so by utilizing evidence practice guidelines.

The Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB) offers certification as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner – Primary Care. Students who have completed a master’s degree in Nursing in the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner – Primary Care emphasis area are eligible to sit for the exam.

Students must complete the core course required of the MS in Nursing in addition to coursework for the declared emphasis area.

Core Courses

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Emphasis Area Coursework

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