

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

Students who pursue the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner- Primary Care (PNP-PC) area of study will be prepared as primary pediatric nurse clinicians providing comprehensive healthcare from birth through young adulthood through 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 (PNP-PC) curriculum provides core master’s coursework in combination with PNP-PC clinical specialty courses. The clinical specialty courses focus on care of the pediatric patient in primary care from birth through young adulthood, including health maintenance and promotion, assessment and management of disease processes utilizing evidence-based practice guidelines.

The Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB) offers certification as a Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Primary Care (CPNP-PC). Students who have completed a master’s degree in nursing in the PNP-PC emphasis area are eligible to sit for the exam. Previous graduate-level coursework from another institution may be accepted toward the degree depending upon transcript review. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 in order to graduate.

### Core Courses

NURSE 7050	Introduction to Scholarly Writing	2
NURSE 7110	Advanced Nursing Roles and Professional Communication	2
NURSE 7160	Scientific Foundations for Health Sciences	4
NURSE 8170	Public Health, Sociocultural Issues, and Health Policy	3
NURSE 8910	Translational Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	3
NURSE 8990	Practice Inquiry	1

### Emphasis Area Requirements

NURSE 7120	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	3
NURSE 7130	Advanced Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapeutics	3
NURSE 7140	Advanced Health Assessment and Promotion	3.5
NURSE 7145	Procedures and Diagnostics	3.5
NURSE 8010	Family Dynamics and Intervention	2
NURSE 8210	Special Health Care Needs of Children	3.5
NURSE 8420	Newborn Through Adolescence Primary Care	3.5

NURSE 8545	Advanced Diagnostics and Reasoning in Practice	3.5
NURSE 8680	Pediatric Mental Health Assessment and Treatment	3.5
NURSE 8720	Symptom Management in Acute and Chronic Illness	3-5
NURSE 8980	Advanced Clinical Nursing Practicum	3.5

## Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans of study can be found on the Sinclair School of Nursing MSN webpage (<https://nursing.missouri.edu/academic-programs/master-of-science-nursing/overview-of-msn-pediatric-nurse-practitioner-primary-care/>).

## Admissions

Applicants are required to meet two sets of minimum qualifications for admission: the requirements of the Master of Science program (<https://nursing.missouri.edu/academic-programs/master-of-science-nursing/how-to-apply/>) and the minimum requirements of the Graduate School (<https://gradschool.missouri.edu/admissions/eligibility-process/>). Because requirements vary, you *must* refer to a degree program’s graduate admission page to learn about specific admission criteria, application deadlines, eligibility, and application process. Your application materials will be reviewed by both the Graduate School and the degree program to which you have applied before official admission to the University of Missouri.

**Application Deadlines:** After the application deadline, submitted materials will be reviewed. Applicants will receive notification of their acceptance decision within four weeks. Program application timelines vary by emphasis area. Refer to How to Apply (<https://nursing.missouri.edu/academic-programs/master-of-science-nursing/application-process/>) for specific deadlines.

**State Authorization:** Due to higher education regulation changes, the University of Missouri is unable to accept applications for admission to online programs from students residing in various states. You may find more information at this link: <https://online.missouri.edu/about/state-authorization/>.

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