

# POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE: NURSE PRACTITIONER (PEDIATRIC NURSING PRACTITIONER- PRIMARY CARE)

**Web Site:** <https://twu.edu/nursing/master-of-science-in-nursing-msn/pediatric-nurse-practitioner-pnp/>

Individuals who have a master's degree in nursing may be considered for admission to a Post-master's Certificate as a Nurse Practitioner.

Those students admitted to the Certificate program must have completed a graduate Physical Assessment course, a Pharmacology course, and a course in Pathophysiology with a grade of B or better (The three 'Ps'). The Pharmacology course must have been successfully completed within 6 years of the anticipated completion of the Post-Master's Certificate. Prerequisite courses for the Post-Master's Certificate are not required that are part of the MSN degree since all students admitted to the Certificate program must have a master's degree in nursing. Therefore, courses within the MSN are waived as pre-requisite except the Assessment, Pathophysiology and Pharmacology.

A Nurse Practitioner (NP) is an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) who holds a master's or doctoral degree in a specific population focus. These include family, adult-gerontology (primary or acute care), neonatal, pediatrics (primary or acute care), women's health, or psychiatric-mental health populations. Texas Woman's University offers programs for family, adult-gerontology (primary and acute care), pediatric primary care, women's health, and psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner tracks.

The Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Primary Care (PNP-PC) provides care to newborns through young adults for both common acute and chronic health conditions with an emphasis on growth and development. Practice extends across a variety of settings. While there are both primary and acute care programs, TWU prepares students for the primary care role.

## Marketable Skills

Defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30 Strategic Plan (<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/miscellaneous/thecb-60x30-strategic-plan/>) as, "Those skills valued by employers that can be applied in a variety of work settings, including interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skills areas. These skills can be either primary or complementary to a major and are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities."

- a. Work well with teams and complete project work.
- b. Collect and analyze information, problem-solve, and make decisions.
- c. Effectively communicate through a variety of mediums and modes.

## Admissions

All students must meet the University requirements as outlined in the Admission to the TWU Graduate School (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/graduate-school/admission-graduate-school/>) section of the catalog.

This academic program may have additional admission criteria that must also be completed as outlined on the program's website.

## Certificate Requirements

### Total Semester Credit Hours Required

27 semester credit hours (SCH).

### Prerequisites

These courses are considered prerequisites to a Post-Master's Certificate. If a student is practicing as an advanced practice registered nurse and is currently credentialed by the Texas Board of Nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse, the pharmacology course must have been completed no more than six years earlier (must be current within six years of anticipated certificate completion). If not, this coursework will need to be repeated for the new certificate.

Code	Title	SCHs
<b>Required Courses</b>		
BIOL 5333	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURS 5663	Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 5643	Advanced Health Assessment for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
<b>Total SCHs</b>		<b>9</b>

### Required Courses

Code	Title	SCHs
<b>Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Primary Care (PNP-PC)</b>		
NURS 5302	Foundational Concepts for the Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	2
NURS 5223	Principles of Pediatric Care Management, Diagnostics, and Common Procedural Interventions	3
NURS 5343	Well Child Concepts in Pediatric Primary Care	3
NURS 5353	PNP Practicum I: Management of the Well Child	3
NURS 5363	Acute and Chronic Illness in Pediatric Primary Care	3
NURS 5365	PNP Practicum II: Non-emergent Acute and Chronic Child Care and Management	5
NURS 5403	Synthesis and Transition to Professional Practice for the Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	3
NURS 5585	Advanced Pediatric Primary Care Synthesis Practicum III	5
<b>Total SCHs</b>		<b>27</b>