

NEONATAL NURSE PRACTITIONER, MSN

We prepare you to care for newborn infants who arrive with a variety of medical needs such as prematurity, birth defects, substance abuse problems, infections, and a variety of chronic conditions. While technically the neonatal period describes the first month after birth, often times these babies will be sick for much longer, requiring lengthy stretches of care to address the challenges laid upon them at delivery. You'll learn to care for infants until discharge and beyond, working with family and support groups to ensure the best quality of life for your patients and families.

We also collaborate with faculty and students in other pediatric graduate programs, increasing the breadth of your exposure to the field and providing you experiences available nowhere else.

For more information: <https://www.nursing.upenn.edu/neonatal/>

Curriculum

| Code | Title | Course Units |
|---------------------------|---|--------------|
| Core Courses | | |
| NURS 6080 | Advanced Pharmacology and Therapeutics for Nursing Practice | 1 |
| NURS 6850 | Advanced Developmental Physiology and Pathophysiology | 1 |
| NURS 5470 | Scientific Inquiry for Evidence-based Practice ¹ | 1 |
| or NURS 6370 | Introduction to Research Methods and Design | |
| Theory Courses | | |
| NURS 5090 | The Child with Special Healthcare Needs | 1 |
| NURS 7310 | High-Risk Neonate, Theory | 1 |
| NURS 7760 | High Risk Neonate Theory II | 1 |
| Clinical Courses | | |
| NURS 7210 | Advanced Physical Assessment Across the Life Span and Clinical Decision Making: Nursing of Children | 1 |
| NURS 7330 | Clinical Practicum for the High Risk Neonate | 1 |
| NURS 7400 | Advanced Practice Concepts for the Childbearing Family | 1 |
| NURS 7770 | High Risk Neonatal Clinical II | 1 |
| NURS 7780 | High Risk Neonatal Clinical III | 1 |
| Elective Courses | | |
| Select 1 NURS elective | | 1 |
| Total Course Units | | 12 |

¹ NURS 5470 is a graduate-level research methods course approved for Penn BSN students only.

Post-Graduate APRN Certification

Penn's MSN programs include a Post-Graduate APRN Certificate option. These programs can be pursued at any time post-degree. Current

Master's students are also welcome to add complementary minors to their studies: <https://catalog.upenn.edu/graduate/nursing/programs/>

The Post-Graduate APRN Certificate curriculum is determined after a gap analysis is made by the Program Director. Prospective students should reach out to the Admissions Office for more information about post-masters and certificate options and to request a review of the student's previous MSN transcript. The length of each program depends on the course units required and course offerings per semester. For more information: <https://www.nursing.upenn.edu/admissions/msn-and-post-masters/post-masters/>.

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2024 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.

Full Time Plan of Study

| First Year | | Course Units |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Summer | | |
| NURS 5090 | The Child with Special Healthcare Needs | 1 |
| | | Course Units 1.00 |
| Fall | | |
| NURS 6850 | Advanced Developmental Physiology and Pathophysiology | 1 |
| NURS 7210 | Advanced Physical Assessment Across the Life Span and Clinical Decision Making: Nursing of Children | 1 |
| NURS 7400 | Advanced Practice Concepts for the Childbearing Family | 1 |
| NURS XXXX Graduate Nursing Elective | | 1 |
| | | Course Units 4.00 |
| Spring | | |
| NURS 6080 | Advanced Pharmacology and Therapeutics for Nursing Practice | 1 |
| NURS 6370 | Introduction to Research Methods and Design | 1 |

| | | |
|---------------------------|--|--------------|
| NURS 7310 | High-Risk Neonate, Theory | 1 |
| NURS 7330 | Clinical Practicum for the High Risk Neonate | 1 |
| Course Units | | 4.00 |
| Second Year | | |
| Summer | | |
| NURS 7760 | High Risk Neonate Theory II | 1 |
| NURS 7770 | High Risk Neonatal Clinical II | 1 |
| NURS 7780 | High Risk Neonatal Clinical III | 1 |
| Course Units | | 3.00 |
| Total Course Units | | 12.00 |

Part Time Plans of Study

2 Year Plan of Study

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------------|
| First Year | | |
| Fall | | |
| NURS 6370 | Introduction to Research Methods and Design | 1 |
| NURS 6850 | Advanced Developmental Physiology and Pathophysiology | 1 |
| Course Units | | 2.00 |
| Spring | | |
| NURS 6080 | Advanced Pharmacology and Therapeutics for Nursing Practice | 1 |
| NURS XXXX Graduate Nursing Elective | | |
| Course Units | | 1.00 |
| Summer | | |
| NURS 5090 | The Child with Special Healthcare Needs | 1 |
| Course Units | | 1.00 |
| Second Year | | |
| Fall | | |
| NURS 7210 | Advanced Physical Assessment Across the Life Span | 1 |

| | | |
|---------------------|--|-------------|
| NURS 7400 | Advanced Practice Concepts for the Childbearing Family | 1 |
| Course Units | | 2.00 |

| | | |
|---------------------|--|-------------|
| Spring | | |
| NURS 7310 | High-Risk Neonate, Theory | 1 |
| NURS 7330 | Clinical Practicum for the High Risk Neonate | 1 |
| Course Units | | 2.00 |

| | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Summer | | |
| NURS 7760 | High Risk Neonate Theory II | 1 |
| NURS 7770 | High Risk Neonatal Clinical II | 1 |
| NURS 7780 | High Risk Neonatal Clinical III | 1 |
| Course Units | | 3.00 |
| Total Course Units | | 11.00 |

3 Year Plan of Study

| | | |
|---------------------|---|-------------|
| First Year | | |
| Fall | | |
| NURS 6850 | Advanced Developmental Physiology and Pathophysiology | 1 |
| Course Units | | 1.00 |
| Spring | | |
| NURS 6080 | Advanced Pharmacology and Therapeutics for Nursing Practice | 1 |
| Course Units | | 1.00 |

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|-----------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Summer | | | | NURS 7780 | High Risk Neonatal Clinical III | 1 | |
| NURS 6370 | Introduction to Research Methods and Design may take spring or summer | 1 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Course Units | 3.00 |
| | | | | | | Total Course Units | 13.00 |
| <hr/> | | | | | | | |
| Second Year | | | | | | | |
| Fall | | | | | | | |
| NURS xxxx - Graduate Nursing Elective | | 1 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Course Units | 1.00 |
| Spring | | | | | | | |
| NURS XXXX Graduate Nursing Elective <small>If not already taken in fall</small> | | 1 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Course Units | 1.00 |
| Summer | | | | | | | |
| NURS 5090 | The Child with Special Healthcare Needs | 1 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Course Units | 1.00 |
| <hr/> | | | | | | | |
| Third Year | | | | | | | |
| Fall | | | | | | | |
| NURS 7210 | Advanced Physical Assessment Across the Life Span and Clinical Decision Making: Nursing of Children | 1 | | | | | |
| NURS 7400 | Advanced Practice Concepts for the Childbearing Family | 1 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Course Units | 2.00 |
| Spring | | | | | | | |
| NURS 7310 | High-Risk Neonate, Theory | 1 | | | | | |
| NURS 7330 | Clinical Practicum for the High Risk Neonate | 1 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Course Units | 2.00 |
| Summer | | | | | | | |
| NURS 7760 | High Risk Neonate Theory II | 1 | | | | | |
| NURS 7770 | High Risk Neonatal Clinical II | 1 | | | | | |