

# PEDIATRIC ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER: ONCOLOGY, MSN

Graduates of this program are prepared to provide collaborative, comprehensive care to children and adolescents with a variety of complex critical, acute and chronic conditions, and emerge as clinical and professional leaders who are expert in physical assessment and clinical decision making, managing multifaceted disorders, culturally sensitive family focused care, community engagement, transitional care and integrating health care policy. Our approach, across all health care settings, is based on a thorough assessment and integration of the social determinants of health.

We uniquely offer three concentrations of study all housed within the Pediatric Acute Care Program. This allows for students to approach their Graduate level education with a specific clinical focus while still receiving a broad based education in Pediatric Acute Care. Our graduates from all concentrations are able to pursue career options in any area of Pediatric Acute Care. Our Oncology concentration offers students a strong foundation in pediatric acute care with a focus on pediatric oncology. It is the first of its kind. We are currently the only program in the country which is specifically preparing students in pediatric oncology. You will be prepared to deliver comprehensive care to children with cancer and their families. Specifically, we structure the program and clinical experiences to help you develop physical assessment skills, clinical decision making, continuity of care, family interventions, health care policy collaboration, and transition care related to children with cancer. Clinical experiences are located in both inpatient and ambulatory centers for pediatric oncology.

Clinical experiences are all arranged and coordinated by the university. A clinical site coordinator will work specifically with you and the Pediatric Acute Care Program.

**For more information:** <https://www.nursing.upenn.edu/pediatric/pediatric-acute-care-nurse-practitioner/>

## Curriculum

Code	Title	Course Units
<b>Research Requirement</b>		
NURS 6370	Introduction to Research Methods and Design <sup>1</sup>	1
	or NURS 5470 Scientific Inquiry for Evidence-based Practice	
<b>Core Requirements</b>		
<i>Science Courses</i>		
NURS 6850	Advanced Developmental Physiology and Pathophysiology	1
NURS 6080	Advanced Pharmacology and Therapeutics for Nursing Practice	1
<i>Other Core Courses</i>		
NURS 5090	The Child with Special Healthcare Needs	1
<b>Theory Courses</b>		
NURS 7150	Common Management Issues of Children with Acute and Chronic Conditions: Pediatric Oncology	1

NURS 7200	Nursing of Children Theory I: Child and Family Development	1
NURS 7340	Intermediate Principles of Pediatric Acute Care	1
NURS 7360	Advanced Principles of Pediatric Acute Care	1
<b>Clinical Courses</b>		
NURS 7210	Advanced Physical Assessment Across the Life Span and Clinical Decision Making: Nursing of Children	1
NURS 7350	Pediatric Acute Care NP: Professional Role and Intermediate Clinical Practice	1
NURS 7370	Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner: Professional Role and Advanced Clinica	1
NURS 7410	Mgmt of Chldrn with Acute and Chronic Conditions: Nursing of Children in the Community Adv Clinical	1

**Total Course Units** 12

<sup>1</sup> The alternate course, 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

Fall	Course Units
NURS 6850	Advanced Developmental Physiology and Pathophysiology

NURS 7150	Common Management Issues of Children with Acute and Chronic Conditions: Pediatric Oncology	1	NURS 7410	Mgmt of Childrn with Acute and Chronic Conditions: Nursing of Children in the Community Adv Clinical	1
NURS 7200	Nursing of Children Theory I: Child and Family Development	1		<b>Course Units</b>	<b>4.00</b>
NURS 7210	Advanced Physical Assessment Across the Life Span and Clinical Decision Making: Nursing of Children	1		<b>Total Course Units</b>	<b>12.00</b>
	<b>Course Units</b>	<b>4.00</b>			
<b>Spring</b>					
NURS 6080	Advanced Pharmacology and Therapeutics for Nursing Practice	1			
NURS 6370	Introduction to Research Methods and Design	1			
NURS 7340	Intermediate Principles of Pediatric Acute Care	1			
NURS 7350	Pediatric Acute Care NP: Professional Role and Intermediate Clinical Practice	1			
	<b>Course Units</b>	<b>4.00</b>			
<b>Summer</b>					
NURS 7360	Advanced Principles of Pediatric Acute Care	1			
NURS 7370	Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner: Professional Role and Advanced Clinical	1			
NURS 5090	The Child with Special Healthcare Needs	1			