# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (MSN)

## *Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program*

### (52 Quarter Credits)

- The program is organized into four 10-week quarters per academic year (Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer)
- The plan of study is designed with 1-2 courses per Quarter. *Please see plan of study on page 3*
- To review the program information and course descriptions please click **HERE**

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:**

| Core Courses (15 Credits) | | | | |
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| **Course Number** | **Course Name** | **Credits** | **Prerequisites** | **Quarter(s) Offered** |
| NURS500 | Confronting Issues in Contemporary Health Care Environments | 3 | None | Fall/Winter/Spring |
| NURS502 | Advanced Ethical Decision Making in Health Care | 3 | None | All Quarters |
| NURS544 | Quality and Safety in Healthcare | 3 | None | All Quarters |
| RSCH503 | Research Methods and Biostatistics | 3 | None | All Quarters |
| RSCH504 | Evaluation and Translation of Health Research | 3 | RSCH503 | All Quarters |
| **Elective Courses (3 Credits)** | | | | |
| Elective Course | Graduate-Level Elective Course | 3 | None | All Quarters |
| **Support Courses (14 Credits)** | | | | |
| **Course Number** | **Course Name** | **Credits** | **Prerequisites** | **Quarter(s) Offered** |
| NURS548 | Advanced Pathophysiology | 3 | None | All Quarters |
| NURS549 | Advanced Pharmacology | 3 | None | All Quarters |
| NURS550 | Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning | 4 | Must take this course the spring quarter after NURS646 and immediately before NURS642 | Spring Quarter |

| NURS664 | Professional Issues for Nurse Practitioners | 1 | All Core Courses | Fall and Spring Quarter |
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| NURS646 | Pharmacology for the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner | 3 | All Core Courses, NURS548, & NURS549 | Winter Quarter |

| Clinical Courses (20 Credits) | | | | |
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| **Course Number** | **Course Name** | **Credits** | **Prerequisites** | **Quarter(s) Offered** |
| NURS 642 | PNP I: Primary Care of Infants, Children and Adolescents *(Includes 160 Clinical Hours)* | 5 | All Core and Support Courses | Summer Quarter |
| NURS 643 | PNP II: Episodic Care of Infants, Children and Adolescents in Primary Care *(Includes 160 Clinical Hours)* | 5 | NURS642 | Fall Quarter |
| NURS 647 | PNP III: Management and Care of Adolescents in the Primary Care Setting *(Includes 160 Clinical Hours)* | 5 | NURS643 | Winter Quarter |
| NURS 648 | PNP IV: Primary Care of Children with Special Health Care Needs *(Includes 160 Clinical Hours)* | 5 | NURS647 | Spring Quarter |

**IMPORTANT NOTES**

- A final grade of a **B** or better is required for each course.
- Students must maintain a 3.00 or higher for both "Term GPA" and "Cumulative GPA".
- Financial Aid/Student Loans – Graduate students who utilize student loans must maintain a minimum enrollment of *4.5 credits per quarter.*
- The Graduate College policy requires students to complete the program within five years of their first enrollment term.

**SAMPLE PLAN OF STUDY:**

|  | **FALL QUARTER** | **WINTER QUARTER** | **SPRING QUARTER** | **SUMMER QUARTER** |
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| **YEAR ONE** | **NURS500** (3 Credits) | **NURS544** (3 Credits) | **RSCH504** (3 Credits) | **NURS548** (3 Credits) |
|  | **NURS502** (3 Credits) | **RSCH503** (3 Credits) | **Elective Course** (3 Credits) |  |
| **YEAR TWO** | **NURS549** (3 Credits) | *****NURS646** (3 Credits) | *****NURS550** (4 Credits) | *****NURS642** (5 Credits) |
|  | **Mandatory Online Clinical Orientation** |  | **NURS664** (1 Credit) |  |
| **YEAR THREE** | *****NURS643** (5 Credits) | *****NURS647** (5 Credits) | *****NURS648** (5 Credits) |  |

- Courses marked with a (*) have weekly, synchronous virtual class sessions, which have mandatory attendance. Please note any course in the plan of study may require mandatory, synchronous virtual sessions.
- The mandatory online clinical orientation is a synchronous, one-night information session. This is not a course for credit.
- Nurse Practitioner students are required to take NURS550 – Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning, the spring quarter immediately preceding the first clinical-based course and after the completion of the track specific pharmacology course.
- Clinical courses require both clinical and didactic coursework. Both clinical and didactic coursework must be successfully completed to earn a passing grade in the course.

**See full course information above**