

CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST: PEDIATRICS CONCENTRATION

Closed to admissions for the 2023-2024 academic year.

The clinical nurse specialist: pediatrics concentration prepares students for leadership roles as clinical nurse specialists within the health-care system. Clinical and theoretical content focuses on systems thinking, evidence-based practice, and translational research as related to nursing care of children and families. The curriculum offers an opportunity to choose an emphasis in a selected vulnerable population experiencing health-care needs. The curriculum includes 540 hours of clinical practice in the advanced practice role and 510 practicum hours for the DNP role. The graduate is prepared for certification by the American Nurses Certification Corporation (ANCC) as a clinical nurse specialist in acute-care pediatrics.

Core	Theory		Clinical		Total Units
	Units	Hours	Units	Hours	
NGRD 650 Advanced Role Development and Collaboration	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD 651 Theoretical Foundations for Evidence-Based Practice	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD 652 Health-Care Systems Leadership	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD 653 Health Systems Policy Development and Advocacy	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD 654 Social Determinants of Health ²	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD 655 Health Systems Finance	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD 656 Outcomes Assessment for Strategic Planning	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD 657 Intermediate Statistics	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD 658 Nursing Research and Translational Science	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD 659 Professional Writing for Nurse Leaders	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
RELE 564 Ethics and Health Disparities	3.0	30	—	—	3.0
RELR 5 Health Care and the Dynamics of Christian Leadership	3.0	30	—	—	3.0
RELT 577 Theology of Human Suffering	3.0	30	—	—	3.0
Totals	49.0	490	—	—	49.0
Concentration					
NGRD 621 Pharmacology in Advanced Practice I	2.0	20	—	—	2.0
NGRD 622 Pharmacology in Advanced Practice II	3.0	30	—	—	3.0
NGRD 623 Advanced Health Assessment	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD 624 Advanced Clinical Pathophysiology	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
Totals	13.0	130	—	—	13.0
Clinical					

NGCN 501 Pediatrics: Clinical Nurse Specialist I	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGCN 502 Pediatrics: Clinical Nurse Specialist II	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGCN 503 Pediatrics: Clinical Nurse Specialist III	2.0	20	2.0	60	4.0
NGCN 504 Pediatrics: Clinical Nurse Specialist Clinical Practicum	—	—	2.0	60-240	2.0-8.0
Totals	10.0	100	4.0	20-300	4.0-20.0
D.N.P. Project					
NGRD 659 Introduction to the Doctor of Nursing Practice Inquiry Proposal Project	1.8	20	1.2	40	3.0
NGRD 659A DNP Practice Inquiry Project	—	—	4.0	120	4.0
NGRD 659B DNP Practice Inquiry Project	—	—	4.0	120	4.0
NGRD 659C DNP Practice Inquiry Project	—	—	2.0	80	2.0
NGRD 659D DNP Practice Inquiry Project	—	—	2.0	60	2.0
NGRD 659E DNP Practice Inquiry Project	—	—	2.0	60	2.0
NGRD 659F DNP Practice Inquiry Project	—	—	2.0	60	2.0
Totals	1.8	20	17.2	540	19.0
Overall Totals	73.8	740	21.2	660-840	100-101.0

¹ Multiple registrations required to fulfill total unit requirement

² Fulfills service learning requirement

Portfolio

Prior to graduation, students are required to submit an online professional portfolio. Documentation of 510 doctoral leadership practice hours will be included in the portfolio.

Normal time to complete the program

Four years (15 academic quarters)—based on less than full-time enrollment.