

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER TRACK, MSN

Expected Outcomes of the Program

- Apply scientific theories and research to implement the advanced nursing role
- Demonstrate competency according to national standards and guidelines in the advanced nursing role to provide safe quality care
- Use knowledge of legal, ethical, fiscal, policy, and leadership issues to impact the delivery of care to diverse populations
- Identify evidence-based practice/quality improvement within the advanced practice nursing role to improve systems and patient outcomes
- Use information technologies, communication, and interprofessional collaboration to enhance healthcare delivery and patient outcomes
- Demonstrate competency in personal, professional, and leadership development

Admission Requirements

- Baccalaureate degree in a nursing program accredited by the NLN Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (CNEA), the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), or AACN's Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). A baccalaureate degree in nursing from a foreign institution must be recognized by The University of Akron.
- 3.00 GPA on a 4.00 scale for BSN and all previous nursing degrees.
- Three letters of reference from a recent employer; a member of the nursing profession; a former faculty member.
- 300-word essay describing professional goals.
- Current resume or CV
- Current unrestricted State of Ohio Registered Nurse license.
- Interview prior to admission to the program.

Applicants for the Child and Adolescent Health Nurse Practitioner (clinical) Tracks are required to have 12 to 24 months current, hospital-based Pediatric Registered Nurse experience prior to acceptance into the graduate program. The Graduate Admissions and Progressions Committee will make the final determination for acceptance should there be concerns regarding the suitability of clinical experience.

Admission Procedures

The student should access the online graduate application through the Graduate School web page. Questions regarding admissions may be directed to the School of Nursing Graduate Program Office (330) 972-7555.

The School of Nursing Graduate Admission and Progression Committee and the Assistant Director of Graduate Programs will review and make decisions for applications. The admit decision will be sent to the Graduate School. Applicants will receive notification of the admission decision via an e-letter from the Graduate School and a letter from the School of Nursing.

Instructional Program

The Master of Science in Nursing curriculum includes a minimum of 30 credit hours of study depending on the specialty track. The advanced practice tracks include Adult/Gerontological Health Nursing, Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing, Child and Adolescent Health Nursing (Primary, Acute, Dual), and Nurse Anesthesia. Graduates are prepared for advanced practice as nurse practitioners or nurse anesthetists. The curriculum is based on theory and research both in nursing and in related disciplines. It provides the foundation for doctoral study and for ongoing professional development.

Program Specific Requirement:

STAT 661 Statistics for Life Sciences or equivalent graduate level statistics course. Receives no credit toward the degree.

Nursing Core

The curriculum consists of a core of 14 credit hours. These courses encompass advanced theory, evidence-based practice, information management in nursing, health policy, and pathophysiological concepts. Core courses are required of all students.

Note: Students are required to obtain a 'B-' or better in any given course in order to progress in the program while maintaining good academic standing.

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 603	Theoretical Basis for Nursing	3
NURS 606	Information Management in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 607	Policy Issues in Nursing	2
NURS 608	Pathophysiological Concepts of Nursing Care	3
NURS 619	Principles of Evidence Based Practice	3
Total Hours		14

Child and Adolescent Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Track

The Child and Adolescent Acute Care Nurse Practitioner track (28 credit hours) focuses on the integration of evidenced based knowledge and skills in acute/critical care with children and adolescents with complex, acute, critical, and chronic health conditions. Emphasis is on advanced practice in emergency departments, sub-specialty clinics, acute areas of hospitals, and intensive care units with children with complex, acute, critical, and chronic health conditions.

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Courses required to progress in the Child and Adolescent Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Track:

Code	Title	Hours
FCSC 585	Seminar in Family & Consumer Sciences	1-3
NURS 650	Advanced Pediatric/Adolescent Assessment	3
NURS 651	Child & Adolescent Health Nursing I	3
NURS 652	Child and Adolescent Health Nursing I Practicum	2
NURS 653	Child and Adolescent Health Nursing II Practicum	2
NURS 655	Child & Adolescent Health Nursing II	3

NURS 656	Pharmacology for Child & Adolescent Health Nursing	3
NURS 685	Child and Adolescent Health Nursing - Acute Care III	3
NURS 686	Child and Adolescent Health Nursing - Acute Care III Practicum	2
NURS 687	Child/Adolescent Health Nursing-Acute Care IV	3
NURS 688	Child and Adolescent Health Nursing-Acute Care IV Practicum	2
Total Hours		27-29