

DUAL PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER (PNP) (Primary and Acute Care) *Distance Accessible*

What is a Dual Option Pediatric Nurse Practitioner ?

The Dual Option PNP is designed to prepare pediatric nurse practitioners to practice in both primary and acute/continuing care settings. Graduates can be certified as both a primary care and an acute care nurse practitioner. The program of study is designed so that students can complete course work leading to the Master's of Science in Nursing Degree.

What specific specialty requirements do I need prior to entering the dual pediatric nurse practitioner?

Dual Option PNP students are required to have 1 year of pediatric experience in a pediatric setting. Students can begin their *pre-requisite courses while gaining that experience. PALS certification is also required.

What are the admission criteria?

- A nursing degree (BSN or higher) from a regionally accredited institution, equivalent to the one offered by UAB School of Nursing
- Possess an unencumbered nursing license to practice nursing in the state where you plan to conduct your clinical practicum
- An undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale either cumulatively or on the last 60 semester credit hours
- (3) Letters of professional reference attesting to the applicant's potential for graduate study
- Standardized test score (MAT, GRE, GMAT)* A minimum score of 410 on the MAT; or a minimum score of 480 on the GMAT; or a combined score of 1000 on the verbal and quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or combined score of 297 on the New 2011 GRE*
- Additional – Selected options may require experience prior to enrollment in a specialty courses.

* GRE/GMAT/MAT Waiver Process: https://www.uab.edu/nursing/home/images/stories/info_sa/GRE_MAT_Waiver.pdf

Approval for the GRE/GMAT/MAT Waiver does not imply or guarantee admission to the MSN program. When all of your transcripts are evaluated, if you do not meet the requirements, you will be notified that you need to take the GRE/GMAT/MAT. Candidates not approved for the GRE/GMAT/MAT waiver will be required to take the GRE/GMAT/MAT before final action on their application for master's study. The School of Nursing at UAB must receive the official score by the posted materials deadline. Applicants for the GRE/GMAT/MAT waiver must meet the same requirements for admission to the MSN program as all other applicants.

*****The following individuals are not eligible for the GRE waiver process:**

- International applicants
- Non-Native English speaking applicants
- Dual degree seeking program applicants MSN/MPH

For International Students:

- Prospective international students are asked to first contact International Recruitment and Student Services at iss@uab.edu, (205), 934-3328, FAX 934-8664 to determine eligibility in order to submit an application into any academic program.
- All foreign transcripts evaluated by the Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc www.ece.org OR the World Education Services www.wes.org, sent from the evaluators directly to the School of Nursing
- A degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited educational institution in the United States
- A score of 500 or higher on the Test of English as a Foreign Language, TOEFL
- Standardized test score. A minimum combined score of 1000 on the verbal and quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
- Possess an unencumbered nursing license to practice nursing in the state where you plan to conduct your clinical practicum

When will I receive confirmation that I have been accepted into the program?

You will be notified of your acceptance or denial within 60 days after the application submission deadline.

What are the classroom and clinical requirements:

Total Credit Hours: 55; Didactic Hours: 38; Clinical Hours: 17; Total Hours of direct Patient Care: 960 contact hours

Descriptive narrative: Specialty-specific didactic content is provided in 4 specialty courses and provides the student with a strong advanced care base for caring for patients with common, acute, critical and chronic health problems. Clinical experiences in a variety of health care and specialty settings offer extensive preparation for the advanced practice role. Students are required to visit the campus in Birmingham, AL during their health assessment and clinical courses for 2-3 day intensives. Students must pass a comprehensive examination in order to graduate. Should problems arise, an additional on-campus visit may be required.

How many semesters are required for full-time study in the dual specialty track? Is part-time study available?

Full-time study as defined by the University, 9 credit hours per semester, is available for this specialty track during the fall academic semester. Part-time programs of study are available for entry during the fall and spring academic year semesters, as listed below.

Will I be able to apply to take a nurse practitioner certification examination when I complete the program?

Graduates of the program care apply to take the certification examination offered by the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB).

Distance Accessibility

Applicants to any of our distance-accessible programs should become familiar with the regulations governing distance accessible programs in their state. Prospective students residing in states other than Alabama should contact their state’s Board of Nursing and Department of Education for specific rules and regulations pertaining to completion of clinical learning experiences in that state when enrolled in a distance accessible program. The ability to conduct course work is only guaranteed for student is Alabama and in states with an established agreement.

How do I become eligible to practice as a dual Pediatric NP?

Dual NPs are licensed by the states in which they practice and are subject to the rules and regulations of the State's Practice Acts. You will need to contact your State’s Board of Nursing to learn their particular requirements.

What is a typical program of study like?

Program of Study Options

Coursework

NUR 604	Leadership in Advanced Nursing Practice Roles.....	3
NUR 606	Translating Evidence into Practice	3
NUR 610	Health Care Systems for Adv. Nursing Practice	3
NUR 612	Advanced Pathophysiology.....	3
NUR 613	Pharmacology and Therapeutics.....	3
NUR 614	Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning for Advanced Nursing Practice.....	3
NDP 618	Focus on Adv. Nursing Practice Specialization	3
NPE 621	Pediatrics Primary Care NP I	5
NCC 621	Advanced Pediatrics Nursing I – Acute Care.....	4
NPE 622	Pediatrics Primary Care NP II	4
NCC 622	Advanced Pediatrics Nursing II – Acute Care	3
NDP 625	Advanced Dual Option Pediatrics Nursing Practitioner.....	2
NPE 685	Practicum I: NP Pediatric Primary Care.....	3
NPE 686	Practicum II: NP Pediatric Primary Care	3
NCC 685	Practicum I: Advanced Pediatrics Nursing I – Acute Care	3
NCC 686	Practicum I: Advanced Pediatrics Nursing II – Acute Care	3
NDP 692	Residency: Dual Option PNP *Comprehensive Exam	4
	MSN EXIT Total.....	55

Summer	Fall
<u>Summer Year 1</u>	<u>Fall Year 1</u>
NUR 604	NUR 604
NUR 612	NUR 612
<u>Fall Year 1</u>	<u>Spring Year 1</u>
NUR 606	NUR 606
NUR 613	NUR 613
<u>Spring Year 1</u>	<u>Summer Year 1</u>
NUR 610	NUR 610
<u>Summer Year 2</u>	NUR 614
NUR 614	NDP 618
NDP 618	<u>Fall Year 2</u>
<u>Fall Year 2</u>	NPE 621
NPE 621	NPE 685
NPE 685	<u>Spring Year 2</u>
<u>Spring Year 2</u>	NPE 622
NPE 622	NPE 686
NPE 686	<u>Summer Year 3</u>
<u>Summer Year 3</u>	NCC 621
NCC 621	NCC 685
NCC 685	<u>Fall Year 3</u>
<u>Fall Year 3</u>	NCC 622
NCC 622	NCC 686
NCC 686	<u>Spring Year 3</u>
<u>Spring Year 3</u>	NDP 625
NDP 625	NDP 692
NDP 692	

Where can I get more information?

Internet website: <https://www.uab.edu/nursing/home/>

General information about the application process

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