

Master of Science in Nursing Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (World Wide Web)

Concentration Description

The neonatal nurse practitioner concentration prepares professional nurses to meet the needs of high-risk infants and their families in tertiary care centers. The 42-semester hour concentration includes core courses, clinical core courses, and concentration courses. All content courses are offered online and the clinical experiences are arranged in a geographically convenient area for the student.

Requirements for Admission

Admission to the master of science in nursing program requires the student to meet the minimum admission requirements for graduate study of the university and the following requirements of the College of Nursing:

- A baccalaureate degree in nursing from an accredited program
- A minimum GPA of 2.7 in undergraduate studies and a minimum GPA of 3.0 in nursing major
- Two years of full-time clinical practice experience (within the last 5 years) as a registered nurse (RN) in the care of critically ill neonates or infants in critical care inpatient settings. **Students may enroll in preclinical courses while obtaining the necessary practice experience.**
- Current non-restricted license to practice as a registered nurse (RN) in North Carolina or in a NCSBN compact state. NNP students must have a license in the state they plan to do their clinical practice.
- Two professional references, with at least one reference from an NNP or neonatologist. One reference must be from a health care provider knowledgeable about the applicant's nursing practice.
- A statement of purpose essay describing the applicant's interest in graduate study, career goals and the MSN degree's relationship to those goals
- A professional resume

Requirements for Clinical Courses

Information regarding clinical requirements can be found in the ECU College of Nursing Student Handbook at: <https://nursing.ecu.edu/student-handbook/> Upon admission all graduate students are required to complete a criminal background check. Students will receive specific instructions from the Office of Student Services on how to complete this process.

Sample Curriculum Plan – Full-Time

First-Year Students

Fall Semester

NURS 6080	Theory for the Practice of Advanced Nursing	3
NURS 6081	Research for the Practice of Advanced Nursing	3
NURS 6417	Developmental Physiology for Advanced Practice Nurses Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 6418	Health Assessment for Advanced Nursing Across the Lifespan	3
Semester Total		12

Spring Semester

NURS 6082	Influencing Healthcare Quality, Safety, and Policy	3
NURS 6083	Healthcare, Finance, and Economics	3
NURS 6419	Clinical Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 6420	Advanced Neonatal Nursing: Research and Theory I	3
Semester Total		12
Year Total		24

Second-Year Students

Summer Semester

NURS 6421	Advanced Neonatal Nursing Practicum I	3
NURS 6422	Advanced Neonatal Nursing: Research and Theory II	3
Semester Total		6

Fall Semester

NURS 6423	Advanced Neonatal Nursing Practicum II	3
NURS 6424	Advanced Neonatal Nursing: Research and Theory III	3
Semester Total		6

Spring Semester

NURS 6425	Advanced Neonatal Nursing Practicum III	5
NURS 6993	Advanced Nursing Synthesis	1
Semester Total		6
Year Total		18
Curriculum Total		42

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Sample Curriculum Plan – Part-Time

First-Year Students

Fall Semester

NURS 6080	Theory for the Practice of Advanced Nursing	3
NURS 6081	Research for the Practice of Advanced Nursing	3
Semester Total		6

Spring Semester

NURS 6082	Influencing Healthcare Quality, Safety, and Policy	3
NURS 6083	Healthcare, Finance, and Economics	3
Semester Total		6
Year Total		12

Second-Year Students

Fall Semester

NURS 6417	Developmental Physiology for Advanced Practice Nurses Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 6418	Health Assessment for Advanced Nursing Across the Lifespan	3
Semester Total		6

Spring Semester

NURS 6419	Clinical Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 6420	Advanced Neonatal Nursing: Research and Theory I	3
Semester Total		6
Year Total		12

Third-Year Students

Summer Semester

NURS 6421	Advanced Neonatal Nursing Practicum I	3
NURS 6422	Advanced Neonatal Nursing: Research and Theory II	3
Semester Total		6

Fall Semester

NURS 6423	Advanced Neonatal Nursing Practicum II	3
NURS 6424	Advanced Neonatal Nursing: Research and Theory III	3
Semester Total		6

Spring Semester

NURS 6425	Advanced Neonatal Nursing Practicum III	5
NURS 6993	Advanced Nursing Synthesis	1

Semester Total 6
Semester Total 18
Year Total 42

Requirements for Graduation

- All graduate students are required to maintain a grade average of “B.”
- Graduation application must be submitted at least one semester prior to completing the degree requirements as stated in the graduate catalog.
- Students who do not register for courses for a semester must complete an electronic readmission form (available at www.ecu.edu/gradschool/ and in the Graduate School Office).
- All graduate students complete a comprehensive assessment at the end of their program in NURS 6993.
- MSN student are required to keep graduate program/health requirements and liability insurance requirements up to date throughout their clinical courses.

Graduates are eligible to sit for the NCC national certification examination for NNPs.

The master’s program at East Carolina University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036. Phone: 202.887.6791.

The University

The university is the third largest in the University of North Carolina system (UNC), which consists of the state’s sixteen degree-granting public institutions. ECU is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate, master’s, and doctoral degrees and is designated as an academic health center by the Association of American Health Centers. Governed by its own Board of Trustees, which is responsible to the UNC Board of Governors, ECU offers 80 departmental certificates, 93 baccalaureate degree programs, 76 master’s degree programs, two specialist degree programs, six first professional programs, and 15 doctoral programs in our professional colleges, the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Dental Medicine, and the Brody School of Medicine. It confers more than 5,800 degrees annually and it has approximately 160,000 alumni.

For more information, contact ECUNursingGradPrgms@ecu.edu

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