

Master of Science in Nursing Neonatal Nurse Practitioner – Post-Master’s (World Wide Web)

Concentration Description

Nurses with a master degree in nursing complete the NNP concentration courses and select core and/or clinical core courses based on their past course work and experience. Applicants for the post-master’s certificate complete a degree/certificate for the Graduate School and are not required to provide GRE or MAT scores. This certificate requires a minimum of 21-semester hours. All content courses are offered online with the clinical experiences arranged in a geographically convenient area to the student.

Requirements for Admission

Admission to the post-master’s certificate requires students to meet the minimum admission requirements for graduate study of the university and the following requirements of the College of Nursing:

- A master of science degree in nursing from an accredited program
- 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
- A statement of purpose essay describing the applicant’s interest in graduate study, career goals and the certificate’s relationship to those goals
- A professional resume
- Syllabi for graduate level courses in pathophysiology, health assessment and pharmacology (taken within the past five year) should be submitted to program director for review.

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. The concentration director will review the post-master’s certificate student’s transcripts to determine the appropriate plan of study for the individual student.

Sample Curriculum Plan – Full Time

First-Year Students

Fall Semester

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

Summer Semester

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

Semester Total 6

Year Total 18

Second-Year Students

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 12

Curriculum Total 30

*Students who completed NURS 6993 to earn a previous master of science in nursing degree from ECU will satisfy this requirement by taking [NURS 6500](#) to demonstrate professional competencies of the certificate program.

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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).
- Students are required to keep graduate program/health requirements and liability insurance requirements up to date throughout their clinical courses.
- All post-master’s certificate students will be required to complete a terminal program assessment as advised by the concentration director in the final semester.

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

East Carolina University (ECU), a public, four-year university established in 1907, is located in Greenville, North Carolina. ECU has 11 degree-granting colleges/school/institutes. Serving a largely rural population in the coastal region of the state, ECU is one of 17 constituent institutions within the University of North Carolina (UNC) System. ECU accomplishes its mission - to be a national model for student success, public service and regional transformation - through education, research, creative activities and service. As of Fall 2018, ECU is the fourth largest institution in the UNC System. ECU is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award baccalaureate, master’s, and doctoral degrees. The UNC System is governed by a Board of Governors, which delegates significant responsibility to ECU’s Board of Trustees. The Carnegie Commission on Higher Education classifies ECU as a Doctoral University: Higher Research Activity. In 2010 and 2015, ECU received the Community Engagement Classification from the New England Resource Center for Higher Education.

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