OVERVIEW
The Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP) Post-MSN/DNP Certificate is designed for graduate-prepared Nurse Practitioners who are seeking to expand their roles via nurse practitioner certification in neonatal critical care. The NNP is prepared to manage the health care of high-risk infants, their families and children up to 2 years of age. This expanded role is performed in collaboration with neonatologists and other pediatric clinicians. NNPs are primarily employed in neonatal intensive care units (NICUs) and are involved in coordinating and managing care for infants with chronic health problems and providing continuity for these children from hospital to home.

The NNP curriculum includes course work and clinical experiences focusing on the care and management of critically ill and convalescent premature and full-term infants. The sequence of courses provides for a logical building of clinical decision making skills necessary to function as a NNP. Clinical experiences may be in a variety of clinical settings including newborn nurseries, Level III NICUs and out-patient clinics.

Graduates are prepared to perform acts of medical diagnosis and prescribe medical therapeutics and corrective measures. In addition, the NNP selects and performs clinically advanced diagnostic and therapeutic invasive procedures on newborns in the intensive care setting.

Graduates are eligible for both legal certification as a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP) and prescriptive authority by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as well as other states and national professional certification as an NNP offered by the National Certification Corporation.

CURRICULUM FORMAT
- Full-time or Part-time (length depends on prior academic preparation)
- 600 clinical hours (minimum)
- Fall, Spring and Summer Term Admission

OBJECTIVES
Graduates are prepared to accomplish the following:
- Assume responsibility for promoting, maintaining, and restoring health to infants from the newborn period up to 2 years of age
- Identify health risks, promote wellness, and diagnosis and manage acute and chronic illness
- Participate in research and provide leadership in mobilizing health care resources in the community

ADMISSION CRITERIA
- Valid registered nurse license in state where clinical experiences will be performed
- Equivalent of 2 years full-time, recent (within past 5 years) practice experience as a registered nurse in the care of critically ill newborns, infants or children in acute care inpatient settings. Applicant must have acquired this experience or be currently employed in the indicated settings.
- Previous MSN or DNP as a NP (from CCNE, NLN, ACICS or ACEN accredited program)
- GPA ≥ 3.0 in MSN, DNP or higher nursing degree
- Official GRE scores (may be waived if GPA ≥ 3.5)
- Prerequisite statistics course
- Pre-admission interview
- Complete online application: nursing.pitt.edu
- International applicants: nursing.pitt.edu and ois.pitt.edu

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The total credits required will vary based on evaluation of the student's previous coursework.

Sample curriculum is available at www.nursing.pitt.edu

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