9th in DNP & 12th in MSN, U.S. News & World Report's 2020 Best Nursing Schools
4th in NIH funding (2018) among schools of nursing
Accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)

OVERVIEW
The Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP) DNP is a practice-focused doctoral program that prepares nurses to be leaders at the highest level of clinical nursing practice. Graduates manage the health care of high-risk infants within families, and children up to 2 years of age in collaboration with other pediatric clinicians. They assume leadership roles in a variety of clinical settings including intensive care nurseries of various levels, newborn nurseries, and high-risk follow-up clinics. Graduates select and perform diagnostic and therapeutic invasive procedures on newborns in the intensive care setting and are prepared to participate in research.

Course work and clinical practice hours focus on developing knowledge and skills necessary for the care and management of critically ill and convalescent premature and full-term infants. Clinical experiences may be in a variety of clinical settings including newborn nurseries, Level III/IV NICUs, and outpatient clinics. A culminating DNP Project reflects the practice interest of the student and synthesis and application of scientific knowledge gained through the curriculum.

Graduates are eligible to sit for the national certification exam for Neonatal Nurse Practitioners offered by the National Certification Corporation (NCC). After passing the exam, the graduate should consult the licensing board of the state in which they intend to practice for legal (credentialing) and practice information.

CURRICULUM FORMAT

BSN to DNP
Onsite (Select core courses may be transmitted synchronously to PA residents who live more than 50 miles from campus - additional fees may apply)
Full-time (3 years) / Part-time (varies)
92 credits (includes 1,020 clinical hours)
Curriculum Plans: Full-time (nursing.pitt.edu) / Part-time (individualized with program coordinator)
Fall Term admission

MSN to DNP
Onsite (online* with master’s degree as NNP)
Full-time (3 years) / Part-time (varies)
40 credits (includes 1,000 minimum clinical hours post-BSN)
Curriculum Plans: Full-time (nursing.pitt.edu) / Part-time (individualized with program)
Fall Term admission
*Upon admission, faculty will review official master's transcript for:
- clinical hours completed for applicability toward 1,000 minimum clinical residency hours
- coursework for permissible transfer credits (Additional coursework may be required)

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- 24/7 access to library, computing resources, and virtual tech support

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