

# School of Nursing

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

## Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner DNP

### OVERVIEW

The **Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (PNP-PC) DNP** is a practice-focused doctoral program that prepares nurses to be leaders at the highest level of clinical nursing practice. Graduates function as generalist, principal providers of primary health care to children, birth through emerging adulthood.

Coursework and clinical practice hours focus on developing knowledge and skills necessary for advanced pediatric practice including well child care, management of pediatric and adolescent health problems and care of children, adolescents, and emerging adults with complex, chronic and developmental problems. 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 in Pediatric Primary Care offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB). 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 (2.5-3 years) / Part-time (varies)
- 84 credits (includes 1,000 minimum clinical hours)
- Curriculum Plans: Full-time ([nursing.pitt.edu](http://nursing.pitt.edu)) / Part-time (individualized with program coordinator)
- Fall Term admission

#### MSN to DNP

- Onsite (**online\*** with master's degree as PNP certified in primary care)
- Full-time (2 years) / Part-time (varies)
- 40 credits (includes 1,000 minimum clinical hours post-BSN)<sup>+</sup>
- Curriculum Plans: Full-time ([nursing.pitt.edu](http://nursing.pitt.edu)) / Part-time (individualized with program coordinator)
- Fall Term admission
- <sup>+</sup> 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)

#### **\*PittOnline** ([online.pitt.edu](http://online.pitt.edu) / 412-648-9499)

- View a Virtual Open House
- 24/7 access to library, computing resources, and virtual tech support

## **ADMISSION CRITERIA**

### **BSN to DNP**

- Current RN license in U.S. state/territory or locale where student will complete clinical requirements
- $\geq 3.0$  GPA in BSN from ACEN, NLN, ACICS, CCNE accredited program
- Competitive GRE scores
- Prerequisite statistics course with grade of B or better
- RN Options-Early Admission to DNP is available for graduates of associate degree or diploma nursing programs

### **MSN to DNP**

- Current RN license in U.S. state/territory or locale where student will complete clinical requirements
- $\geq 3.0$  GPA in MSN (from accredited program)
- **or**
- $\geq 3.0$  GPA in master's in related field (must have BSN from accredited program)
- Competitive GRE scores (may be waived if master's GPA  $\geq 3.5$ )
- Prerequisite statistics course with grade of B or better

## **APPLICATION (Holistic Review Process)**

- Online application: [nursing.pitt.edu](http://nursing.pitt.edu)
- International applicants: [nursing.pitt.edu](http://nursing.pitt.edu) & [ois.pitt.edu](http://ois.pitt.edu)
- Pre-admission interview (applicants residing at a distance may arrange for a telephone interview)
- **Deadlines:** February 15 or May 1 (international applicants are advised to apply by Feb. 15)  
Complete applications received by **Feb. 15** - admission decision expected by **June 1**  
Complete applications received by **May 1** - admission decision expected by **June 30**

## **NON-DEGREE SEEKING (GRADUATE) OPTION**

- Prospective applicants may enroll in maximum of 12 core, non-clinical credits before beginning the program
- Application to Non-Degree Seeking (Graduate) option: [nursing.pitt.edu](http://nursing.pitt.edu) / no documents required
  - Application fee waived if previous applicant within one year
- After receipt of the application, an academic advisor will contact student regarding course selection/enrollment

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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