

## PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER, ACUTE CARE

Doctor of Nursing Practice  
Doctoral Degree Program

### Why Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree at Brandman?

The nation's shortage of health professionals continues to grow despite the current economic downturn and the rapid changes in health care policy, practice and science. Brandman intends to meet this need by preparing you for inquiry-based, patient-centered, collaborative and innovative practice in a high technology health care environment. Our program will create advanced practice clinical nursing experts who will base decisions upon the best evidence available to provide patient-centered and culturally appropriate care. The Brandman DNP blends periodic immersion sessions and clinical practice where you live with online lectures, demonstrations, exercises and social networking. The curriculum is unique in its approach to critical thinking and analysis as key success factors. These are all critical components that will prepare you to succeed as a health care leader of tomorrow.

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"While there are notable pockets of innovation – settings in which clinicians are being trained for a 21st-century health care system – these are by and large exceptions to the rule."

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*Health Professions Education: A Bridge to Quality.*

National Academies Press, 2003.

### What is the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Acute Care Program?

Designed for the registered nurse with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing who wants to specialize in the care of children with acute, critical and unstable chronic conditions and who is ready to take a leadership role in the clinical practice of nursing. Brandman's PNP program prepares you to practice in acute care environments such as emergency departments, trauma centers and intensive care units; however, it does not limit you to only in-hospital settings. Core concepts include emphasis on embryology, genetics, pathophysiology, assessment and management of acute, critical and unstable chronic conditions in children using appropriate developmental, cultural, and family care. Additional advanced procedures are taught through a variety of simulated and clinical settings required for competence in a critical care environment. This program's acute care focus differs from that of a primary care PNP and allows you, upon graduation, to be eligible for the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB) examination, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Acute Care.

#### Program Details:

- Eight required immersion sessions (3-4 days each) at Brandman's Irvine, California campus
- Program complete in 2 years full time study or 3 years with a combination of part time and full time study
- Full time study is 2 courses per term for twelve 8-week terms
- Part time study is 1 course per term for twelve 8-week terms and 2 courses per term for six 8-week terms
- 1020 total clinical hours, which may be completed in your work setting

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## Doctor of Nursing Practice Requirements (73 credits)

Courses	Credit	
<u>Graduate Science Core Courses</u>		
NURU 600	Theoretical Foundations of Evidence-based and Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NURU 601	Transitions in Practice: The Advanced Practice Nurse as DNP	3
NURU 602	Developmental, Cultural and Spiritual Care Across the Lifespan	3
DNPU 701	Biostatistics for Clinical Practice	3
DNPU 704	Evidence-based Thinking for Scholarship and Practice III	3
<u>Advanced Practice Core Courses</u>		
NURU 603	Advanced Health Assessment Across Lifespan and Cultures	4
NURU 604	Clinical Practicum (255 clinical hours)	3
NURU 605	Advanced Pathophysiology for Neonates, Pediatrics and Adults	3
NURU 606	Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics Across the Lifespan	3
NURU 609	Genetics Across the Lifespan	3
NURU 610	Synthesis of Advanced Practice Management, Role and EBP	3
<u>DNP Essentials Core Courses</u>		
DNPU 700/HAUU 601	Health Care Policy, Organization and Delivery	3
DNPU 702/HAUU 602	Innovations in Technology and Information Access	3
DNPU 703	Leading Through Innovation	3
DNPU 705/HRCCU 601	Health Risk and Crisis Communication	3
DNPU 706	Transforming Health Care through Outcomes Management	3
DNPU 707	Clinical Residency I (255 clinical hours)	3
DNPU 708	Application of Evidence-based Thinking Capstone	3
Elective	Elective (500 or 600 level course approved by advisor)	3
<u>Specialty Core Courses</u>		
NURU 651	Embryology	3
NURU 622	Management in Pediatric Acute Care	3
NURU 623	Practicum for Pediatric Acute Care (255 clinical hours)	3
NURU 624	Complex and Chronic Problems in Pediatric Acute Care	3
NURU 625	Practicum for Complex and Chronic Problems in Pediatric Acute Care (255 clinical hours)	3

Most degree programs in the School of Nursing and Health Professions are delivered using a blend of periodic immersion sessions at the Irvine campus; internships/clinical practice in hospitals, clinics and health centers near your home or work; and online lectures, demonstrations and exercises.

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