PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER ACUTE CARE (GRADUATE CERTIFICATE)

This Graduate Certificate Program will allow primary care-certified pediatric nurse practitioners to acquire the nationally-specified pediatric acute and critical care content and clinical skills needed to take the national pediatric acute care certification exam and then to function competently within the acute care scope of practice. It will require satisfactory completion of eighteen credits of didactic content and clinical practice. The certificate provides nurses with essential knowledge and skills to assume acute care roles in a myriad of settings using a patient and family-centered care model. Courses focus on integrating advanced health assessment, pathophysiology, and acute clinical care and management. Specific clinical experiences in two of the courses will be tailored to meet needs of individual graduate certificate students. Students will be expected to acquire approximately 500 hours of acute care experience as required to meet the specialty competencies and the requirements to take the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner-Acute Care national certification examination from the Pediatric Nursing Certifying Board (PNCB).

Admission Requirements

Admission to this program is contingent upon admission to the Graduate School (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/admission). Students must also meet the following criteria for admission:

1. completion of a graduate (Master’s or doctoral) degree in Nursing;
2. current Michigan Registered Nurse licensure;
3. three letters of reference; and
4. a personal goal statement.

This certificate requires a minimum of eighteen credits which must be earned within three years with no transfer credit accepted. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 must be achieved. All course work must be completed in accordance with the academic procedures of the College of Nursing (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/college-nursing/academic-regulations) and the Graduate School (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/academic-regulations) governing graduate scholarship and degrees.

Course Requirements

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