NEONATAL NURSE PRACTITIONER (NNP SPECIALTY TRACK), BSN TO DNP DEGREE

The Neonatal Nurse Practitioner specialty track is a 75-credit hour graduate nursing curriculum designed to prepare experienced registered nurses for advanced practice in neonatal nursing. The curriculum emphasizes advanced nursing care of newborns and infants from birth through the first two years of life. The spectrum of health from promotion of wellness to management of acute and chronic illness in a variety of settings is incorporated into the program. This online program with 2 required virtual or on-campus immersions, offers a variety of clinical experiences designed to provide students with hands-on, real-life experience as an Advanced Practice Neonatal Nurse with options for an international DNP project and mission opportunities.

The program of study conforms to educational guidelines from the Texas Board of Nursing, the Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice (AACN, 2006), the National Association of Neonatal Nurses (NANN), and the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) and Criteria for the Evaluation of Nurse Practitioner Programs (NTF, 2016). Graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for national Neonatal Nurse Practitioner certification examination offered by the National Certification Corporation for the Obstetric, Gynecologic and Neonatal Nursing Specialties (NCC).

APRN DNP/Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Required Specialty Courses

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