

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

The Neonatal Nurse Practitioner 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 is an online program with required on-campus and virtual immersions.

The program of study conforms to educational guidelines from the Texas Board of Nursing, the Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice (AACN, 2021), the National Association of Neonatal Nurses (NANN), and the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) and National Taskforce on Quality Nurse Practitioner Education (NTF, 2022). 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 Courses

Code	Title	Hours
NUR 5163	Advanced Assessment and Diagnostics of the Newborn/Infant Practicum	1
NUR 5262	Advanced Assessment and Diagnostics of the Newborn/Infant	2
NUR 5266	Advanced Neonatal Nursing Practicum I	2
NUR 5360	Embryology and Developmental Physiology	3
NUR 5361	Advanced Newborn/Infant Pharmacotherapeutics	3
NUR 5363	Advanced Neonatal Nursing Practicum II	3
NUR 5365	Advanced Neonatal Nursing Management I: High-Risk & Critically Ill Newborns/Infants	3
NUR 5367	Advanced Neonatal Nursing Management II: Acute & Chronic Problems of Newborns/Infants	3
NUR 5369	Advanced Neonatal Nursing Practicum III Residency	3
NUR 6202	The NICU Graduate	2
NUR 6369	Clinical Genetics in Practice	3

Sample Curriculum Plan for APRN DNP/ Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Track - Fall Start

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Fall Trimester		
NUR 5209	Theoretical Concepts for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse	2

NUR 5201	Introduction to Statistical Methods	2
NUR 5211	Servant Leadership and Advanced Practice Nursing	2
NUR 5361	Advanced Newborn/Infant Pharmacotherapeutics	3

Hours 9

Spring Trimester

NUR 5349	Global Healthcare and Missions	3
NUR 6316	Transforming Health Care Organizations and Changing Outcomes	3
NUR 5312	The Roles and Business of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)	3

Hours 9

Summer Trimester

NUR 5332	Advanced Human Pathophysiology	3
NUR 5314	Scientific Inquiry	3
NUR 6272	Applied Ethics for Advanced Practice Nursing	2

Hours 8

Year 2

Fall Trimester

NUR 5360	Embryology and Developmental Physiology	3
NUR 6202	The NICU Graduate	2
NUR 6377	Policy and Implications for Health	3

Hours 8

Spring Trimester

NUR 6373	Clinical Epidemiology	3
NUR 5163	Advanced Assessment and Diagnostics of the Newborn/Infant Practicum	1
NUR 5262	Advanced Assessment and Diagnostics of the Newborn/Infant	2

Hours 6

Summer Trimester

NUR 5266	Advanced Neonatal Nursing Practicum I	2
NUR 5365	Advanced Neonatal Nursing Management I: High-Risk & Critically Ill Newborns/Infants	3
NUR 6375	Translational Science	3

Hours 8

Year 3

Fall Trimester

NUR 5363	Advanced Neonatal Nursing Practicum II	3
NUR 5367	Advanced Neonatal Nursing Management II: Acute & Chronic Problems of Newborns/Infants	3
NUR 6110	Data Management for the Advanced Practice Nurse	1

Hours 7

Spring Trimester

NUR 5369	Advanced Neonatal Nursing Practicum III Residency	3
NUR 63C1	DNP Project I	3
NUR 6369	Clinical Genetics in Practice	3

Hours 9

Summer Trimester

NUR 6V76	Advanced Practice Nursing Residency	4
NUR 5280	Health Informatics and Innovations in Technology	2
NUR 61C2	DNP Project II	1
Hours		7

Year 4**Fall Trimester**

NUR 62C3	DNP Project III	2
NUR 6V76	Advanced Practice Nursing Residency	3
Hours		5
Total Hours		76