

# ELM-MSN: Pediatric Nurse Practitioner–Primary Care (PNP-PC)

The Entry-Level Master of Science in Nursing (ELM) (<http://catalog.apu.edu/academics/college-nursing-health-sciences/school-nursing/graduate-nursing-programs/entry-level-masters/elm-msn/>) with a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner–Primary Care (PNP-PC) (<https://www.apu.edu/nursing/programs/entry-level-masters-in-nursing/>) specialty prepares registered nurses to be nurse practitioners with children and their families in primary healthcare settings. This advanced practice specialty includes direct client assessment, diagnosis, management and treatment, client advocacy, client/family education, consultation, and program planning, implementation, evaluation, and research. Graduates are eligible to apply to the state of California Board of Registered Nursing for certification as a nurse practitioner and may apply for national PNP-PC certification through examination.

Contact the School of Nursing (<https://www.apu.edu/nursing/>) for specific program availability and locations. Prelicensure coursework (<http://catalog.apu.edu/academics/college-nursing-health-sciences/school-nursing/graduate-nursing-programs/entry-level-masters/elm-msn/>) must be completed prior to beginning advanced practice nursing coursework.

## Requirements

Code	Title	Units
<b>Academic Core Courses</b>		<b>10</b>
GNRS 506	Spiritual Concept Analysis in Health Care	3
GNRS and/or GSPH XXX Electives		7
<b>Academic and Advanced Practice Core Courses</b>		<b>14</b>
GNRS 510	Family Theory in Health Care	2
GNRS 511	Advanced Pediatric Health Assessment and Health Promotion <sup>1</sup>	4 (3/1)
or GNRS 612	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning	
GNRS 513	Advanced Nursing Practice Role	2
GNRS 610	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
GNRS 611	Advanced Pharmacology	3
<b>Advanced Practice Specialty Courses</b>		<b>19</b>
GNRS 532	Advanced Nursing Practice in Pediatrics	6 (3/3)
GNRS 542	Advanced Concepts and Competencies in Pediatric Primary Health Care	3 (1/2)
GNRS 590A	Primary Health Care of the Young Family	6 (3/3)
GNRS 590B	Clinical Practicum in Pediatrics	4 (0/4)
<b>Specialization Option Courses: No requirement</b>		
The following course is optional:		
GNRS 543	Transitions Across the Care Continuum	4 (2/2)
<b>Concluding Course(s)</b>		<b>1-3</b>
GNRS 597	Comprehensive Examination Directed Study	1
or		
GNRS 598 & GNRS 514	Thesis and Research Proposal Writing	3
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>44-50</b>

<sup>1</sup> Units in parentheses are classroom/clinical units.

## Admission

University graduate admission and program-specific requirements must be met before an application is complete (see Admissions Information (<http://catalog.apu.edu/admissions/>)). **Program-specific application requirements are available online** (<https://www.apu.edu/graduateprofessional/apply/>).

International students should contact Graduate and Professional Admissions (<https://www.apu.edu/graduateprofessional/apply/>) for application procedures.