

ELM-MSN: School Nurse Services Credential (SNSC) and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner–Primary Care (PNP-PC)

This combined specialty program prepares nurses to be effective practitioners of school health and provide primary care for children in a variety of settings. Through the program, students develop theoretical and practical expertise in nursing and education applied to basic health services in the public schools (K-12). This enables them to establish, maintain, and coordinate a comprehensive school health program. The advance practice pediatric primary care nurse practitioner specialty includes direct client assessment, diagnosis, management and treatment, client advocacy, and client/family education. Graduates are eligible to apply to the state of California for the school nurse services credential. They are eligible to apply to the California Board of Registered Nursing for certification as a nurse practitioner, and may apply for national PNP certification by examination. Students must take a California-approved audiometry course to meet the SNSC requirements.

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
Academic Core Courses		10
GNRS 506	Spiritual Concept Analysis in Health Care	3
GNRS and/or GSPH XXX Electives		7
Advanced Practice Core Courses		14
GNRS 510	Family Theory in Health Care	2
GNRS 511	Advanced Pediatric Health Assessment and Health Promotion ¹	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
Advanced Practice Specialty Courses		28
EDUC 537	Curriculum Development, Revision, and Evaluation Process	3
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 550A	Theory and Practice in School Nursing	6 (3/3)
GNRS 590A	Primary Health Care of the Young Family	6 (3/3)
GNRS 590B	Clinical Practicum in Pediatrics	4 (0/4)
Concluding Course(s)		1-3
Select from the following:		
GNRS 597	Comprehensive Examination Directed Study	1
- or -		
GNRS 598 & GNRS 514	Thesis and Research Proposal Writing	3
Total Units ²		53-55

¹ Numbers in parentheses are classroom/clinical units.

² Students must also take a California-approved audiometry course to meet SNSC requirements.

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.