

NEONATAL NURSE PRACTITIONER (NNP)



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Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Curriculum Plan and Required Hours

| Semester | Course Number and Name | | Credit Hours | Didactic Clock Hours | Seminar Clock Hours | Clinical Clock Hours | Lab Clock Hours | Total Clock Hours | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--|--|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------|
| Fall | NURS 6013 | Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning | 2 | 28 | | | | 28 | |
| | NURS 6014 | Advanced Health Assessment Lab | 1 | | | | 28 | 28 | |
| | NURS 6022 | Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology | 4 | 56 | | | | 56 | |
| | NURS 6045 | Professional Formation 1: Roles and Contexts for Advanced Nursing Practice | 1 | 14 | | | | 14 | |
| | NURS 6604 | Advanced Physical & Gestational Assessment | 1 | 14 | | | | 14 | |
| | NURS 6616 | Advanced Clinical Reasoning for the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner I | 4 | 56 | | | | 56 | |
| | NURS 6625 | Advanced Neonatal Assessment Application | 1 | | | 70 | | 70 | |
| | Semester Total | | | 14 | 168 | 0 | 70 | 28 | 266 |
| Spring | NURS 6024 | Advanced Pharmacology | 3 | 42 | | | | 42 | |
| | NURS 6055 | Professional Formation 2: Application of Evidence in Healthcare Environments | 3 | 42 | | | | 42 | |
| | NURS 6615 | Neonatal Practicum | 3 | | | 210 | | 210 | |
| | NURS 6618 | Advanced Clinical Reasoning for the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner II | 4 | 56 | | | | 56 | |
| | NURS 6620 | Introduction to Advanced Procedures for Neonatal Nurse Practitioners | 2 | 14 | | | 28 | 42 | |
| | NURS 6621 | Advanced Neonatal Pharmacotherapeutics | 1 | 14 | | | | 14 | |
| | Semester Total | | | 16 | 168 | 0 | 210 | 28 | 406 |
| | Summer | NURS 6065 | Professional Formation 3: Leading Collaborative Change: Improving Delivery of Healthcare to Patients and Populations | 4 | 56 | | | | 56 |
| NURS 6075 | | Role Transition for Advanced Practice Nursing | 1 | 14 | | | | 14 | |
| NURS 6695 | | Neonatal Preceptorship | 6 | | | 420 | | 420 | |
| Semester Total | | | 11 | 70 | 0 | 420 | 0 | 490 | |
| Program Total | | | 41 | 406 | 0 | 700 | 56 | 1162 | |

Neonatal Nurse Practitioner 2-Year, Part-Time Curriculum Plan

| <i>Semester</i> | <i>Course Number and Name</i> | | <i>Credit Hours</i> |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| Fall 1 | NURS 6013 | Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning | 2 |
| | NURS 6022 | Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology | 4 |
| | NURS 6045 | Professional Formation 1: Roles and Contexts for Advanced Nursing Practice | 1 |
| | | | |
| Spring 1 | NURS 6024 | Advanced Pharmacology | 3 |
| | NURS 6055 | Professional Formation 2: Application of Evidence in Healthcare Environments | 3 |
| | NURS 6621 | Advanced Neonatal Pharmacotherapeutics | 1 |
| | | | |
| Summer 1 | NURS 6065 | Professional Formation 3: Leading Collaborative Change: Improving Delivery of Healthcare to Patients and Populations | 4 |
| | NURS 6075 | Role Transition for Advanced Practice Nursing | 1 |
| | | | |
| Fall 2 | NURS 6014 | Advanced Health Assessment Lab | 1 |
| | NURS 6604 | Advanced Physical & Gestational Assessment | 1 |
| | NURS 6616 | Advanced Clinical Reasoning for the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner I | 4 |
| | NURS 6625 | Advanced Neonatal Assessment Application | 1 |
| | | | |
| Spring 2 | NURS 6615 | Neonatal Practicum | 3 |
| | NURS 6618 | Advanced Clinical Reasoning for the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner II | 4 |
| | NURS 6620 | Introduction to Advanced Procedures for Neonatal Nurse Practitioners | 2 |
| | | | |
| Summer 2 | NURS 6695 | Neonatal Preceptorship | 6 |
| Total Hours | | | 41 |

Neonatal Nurse Practitioner 3-Year, Part-Time Curriculum Plan: VUMC Employees Only

| <i>Semester</i> | <i>Course Number and Name</i> | | <i>Credit Hours</i> |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| Fall 1 | NURS 6022 | Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology | 4 |
| | NURS 6045 | Professional Formation 1: Roles and Contexts for Advanced Nursing Practice | 1 |
| | | | |
| Spring 1 | NURS 6024 | Advanced Pharmacology | 3 |
| | NURS 6055 | Professional Formation 2: Application of Evidence in Healthcare Environments | 3 |
| | | | |
| Summer 1 | NURS 6065 | Professional Formation 3: Leading Collaborative Change: Improving Delivery of Healthcare to Patients and Populations | 4 |
| | NURS 6075 | Role Transition for Advanced Practice Nursing | 1 |
| | | | |
| Fall 2 | NURS 6013 | Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning | 2 |
| | NURS 6616 | Advanced Clinical Reasoning for the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner I | 4 |
| | | | |
| Spring 2 | NURS 6618 | Advanced Clinical Reasoning for the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner II | 4 |
| | NURS 6621 | Advanced Neonatal Pharmacotherapeutics | 1 |
| | | | |
| Summer 2 | | No courses | |

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|--------------------|-----------|--|-----------|
| Fall 3 | NURS 6014 | Advanced Health Assessment Lab | 1 |
| | NURS 6604 | Advanced Physical & Gestational Assessment | 1 |
| | NURS 6625 | Advanced Neonatal Assessment Application | 1 |
| Spring 3 | | | |
| | NURS 6615 | Neonatal Practicum | 3 |
| | NURS 6620 | Introduction to Advanced Procedures for Neonatal Nurse Practitioners | 2 |
| Summer 3 | | | |
| | NURS 6695 | Neonatal Preceptorship | 6 |
| Total Hours | | | 41 |

Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Sample Curriculum Plan for Post Master's Certificate

| Semester | Course Number and Name | | Credit Hours |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| Fall | NURS 6013 | Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning | 2 |
| | NURS 6014 | Advanced Health Assessment Lab | 1 |
| | NURS 6616 | Advanced Clinical Reasoning for the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner I | 4 |
| | NURS 6022 | Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology | 4 |
| | NURS 6604 | Advanced Physical & Gestational Assessment | 1 |
| | NURS 6625 | Advanced Neonatal Assessment Application | 1 |
| Spring | | | |
| | NURS 6024 | Advanced Pharmacology | 3 |
| | NURS 6615 | Neonatal Practicum | 3 |
| | NURS 6618 | Advanced Clinical Reasoning for the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner II | 4 |
| | NURS 6620 | Introduction to Advanced Procedures for Neonatal Nurse Practitioners | 2 |
| | NURS 6621 | Advanced Neonatal Pharmacotherapeutics | 1 |
| Summer | | | |
| | NURS 6695 | Neonatal Preceptorship | 6 |
| Total Hours | | | 32 |

Sample only. All admitted post-master's students will have an individualized curriculum plan based on a gap analysis complete by the Academic Director of the program. As part of the post-master's certificate (PMC) application <https://apply.vanderbilt.edu/apply/>, all applicants are required to provide syllabi for previous master's level courses in Advanced Pathophysiology. All post-master's students are required to take the neonatal specific health assessment and pharmacology courses. Whether or not a PMC student needs to retake the Advanced Pathophysiology course is determined based on the guidelines below:

- a. APRN certified PMC applicants/students who have previously taken an equivalent Advanced Pathophysiology course, and have maintained certification (reported on the application), will not be required to repeat this course. Course equivalency will be determined by syllabi review.*
- b. Non-APRN certified PMC applicants/students will be required to take VUSN Advanced Neonatal Health Assessment, Advanced Pathophysiology, and Advanced Neonatal Pharmacology courses unless they satisfy requirements specified in item c.*
- c. If a non-APRN certified student has previously taken an Advanced Pathophysiology course in the last 5 years (5 years or less at the time of matriculation) the student must provide the syllabi to be reviewed for equivalency. If the course is determined to be equivalent to the VUSN course, was taken within the last 5 years and the grade earned was a B- or higher, the course may be waived. Note: Determination of equivalency does not mean that VUSN transfer credit has been awarded. Equivalent courses will not appear on the VU transcript.*