

HOSPITAL BASED

FAST GROWING

PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER ACUTE CARE

CARING FOR CHILDREN WITH ACUTE NEEDS



Our Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Acute Care DNP track within the DNP program prepares you to diagnose, treat, and manage children with acute, critical, and complex chronic illnesses and injuries.

PNP-AC practice focuses on stabilizing and restoring medically unstable conditions, chronic condition management, and palliative or end-of-life care. You will learn to work with children from late preterm gestation through young adulthood. The UW School of Nursing is the only program in the WWAMI region to offer this specialized track.

Your Scope Expands

As a PNP-AC graduate, you will:

- Perform comprehensive assessments and interpret diagnostic tests
- Diagnose and manage acute, complex, and chronic pediatric conditions
- Collaborate with families to deliver advanced care
- Prescribe and evaluate medication and non-medication therapies
- Apply developmental, patient- and family-centered approaches
- Advocate for children's health and the role of pediatric acute care NPs

Where You'll Practice

- Ambulatory pediatric subspecialty care
- Hospitalist
- Inpatient and outpatient pediatric subspecialty services (e.g., gastroenterology, infectious disease, neurology, endocrinology, nephrology)
- Pediatric emergency departments and urgent care settings
- Pediatric intensive or critical care

"I was fortunate to be in a track with great people — it made a long and challenging program much easier knowing we were in it together. I appreciated applying my work experience to what we learned, and bringing insights from class and clinicals back to my job. Both experiences really built on each other."

— Liz, DNP PNP-AC '23



Did you know?

DEMAND FOR
PEDIATRIC NURSE
PRACTITIONERS WILL
GROW 38% BY 2032—
THE FASTEST RATE IN
HEALTHCARE—AS
THEY CLOSE CRITICAL
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U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR
STATISTICS

UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON | SCHOOL OF NURSING
DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

DURATION
9 quarters

FORMAT
In-person with pre-
arranged clinicals

PRIORITY DEADLINE
January 15, 2026

SPACE AVAILABLE
May 1, 2026 (select tracks)



**READY TO ADVANCE YOUR
CAREER? SCAN TO
CONNECT WITH OUR
ADMISSIONS TEAM.**