

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner



A pediatric nurse practitioner (PNP) has graduate level education to provide health care for children, adolescents, and young adults. They work in different settings like hospitals, private practice, or specialty clinics to promote overall health and well-being.



Passionate lifelong learner to provide up-to-date care for kids



Coach and educator for the whole family to support child health



Confident decision maker who is able to order tests, diagnose, treat & prescribe

Keywords

- Advocate
- Communicate
- Lead and delegate tasks to other health care team members
- Possess business sense to code for billing and reimbursement

Career Steps

1

Gain 1+ years of experience as a registered nurse in pediatrics.

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Compare and contrast primary care vs. acute care pediatric nurse practitioner programs to determine your passion and pathway. Dual programs are available too.

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Obtain your masters (MSN) or doctorate of nursing practice (DNP) degree as a PNP from an accredited university program.

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Pass the national certification exam and apply for state licensure as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse.

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Start your job search at PNCB's career center: <https://careers.pncb.org/jobseekers/> using terms like acute care PNP, primary care PNP, pediatric nurse practitioner, pediatric APRN, and pediatric advanced practice provider.

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Connect with other PNPs for mentoring, collaboration, conferences, and advocacy by joining your professional membership association.



References & links for further reading

Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB):

- The Acute Care Certified Pediatric Nurse Role: <https://pncb.org/cpnp-ac-role>
- The Primary Care Certified Pediatric Nurse Role: <https://pncb.org/cpnp-pc-role>
- Find a program: https://pncb.org/choosing_pnp_program
- The National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP): <https://www.napnap.org/>
- Pediatric nurse practitioner (PNP) at a glance. Discover Nursing. Accessed May 23, 2023. <https://nursing.inj.com/specialty/pediatric-nurse>.



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