

Nursing, MS (Boston)

Northeastern University's School of Nursing offers seven nurse practitioner concentrations leading to a Master of Science in Nursing. The program provides a solid foundation in research, epidemiology, health assessment, advanced pharmacology and pathophysiology, and healthcare systems with on-ground or online didactic coursework and on-ground skills and clinical experiences. The program has a strong clinical focus with high-quality clinical rotations as top priority. Students graduate prepared to practice as novice advanced-practice providers and work across a variety of healthcare settings. Graduates become nurse clinicians, educators, scholars, researchers, and lifelong learners. Upon completion of the program, graduates are eligible to sit for all national certification exams in their specialty area.

Adult-Gerontology Acute-Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration

The adult-gerontology acute-care concentration seeks to prepare nurses for advanced-practice roles as clinical experts, educators, and consultants. The concentration provides advanced study with a major focus on clinical experience and prepares graduates to care for patients across the continuum of care, including tertiary care, rehabilitation, and home care.

Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration

With a focus on health equity, the adult-gerontology primary care concentration prepares nurses to provide high-quality, ethical, and inclusive primary care to individuals 13 years and older. Graduates care for patients in a wide variety of settings.

Family Nurse Primary Care Practitioner Concentration

The primary goal of the FNP concentration is to educate FNPs who are capable of providing evidence-based, culturally and linguistically competent, ethical primary healthcare to individuals and families in a variety of healthcare settings. The FNP concentration is offered in a hybrid format with the majority of the classes delivered online, coupled with live presentation sessions. Students are required to be on the Boston campus twice per semester. Upon completion, graduates are eligible to sit for all national certification exams in their area of practice.

Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Concentration

Neonatal critical care is a growing field, and Bouvé is at the forefront of providing experienced nurses with the knowledge, competence, and skill to be in demand across the country. We require applicants to have at least two years of level-3 neonatal intensive care unit experience before entering our program, and most applicants have more years of NICU experience. A registered nurse working in the NICU setting already has a significant base of nursing knowledge. The NNP concentration focuses on advanced nursing knowledge and clinical practice. Our graduates are prepared to make independent decisions in level-2 and level-3 NICUs, drawing on their experience and diagnostic abilities to affect lives every day.

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Concentrations

These concentrations are designed to prepare nurses with the specialized skills needed to care for at-risk children living in urban settings, across the continuum of care. For nearly two decades, our PNP concentration prepared primary care PNPs to provide community-based, culturally sensitive primary care. More recently, building on the School of Nursing's foundation in evidence-based, interdisciplinary, urban healthcare, the PNP curriculum was expanded to offer a concentration in acute care. Northeastern offers the only graduate nursing program in New England to prepare acute-care PNPs.

The School of Nursing offers two concentrations for the PNP student. The primary care concentration prepares students for the role of PNP focusing on well-child care and prevention and management of common acute and chronic illnesses. The acute- and primary care dual concentration prepares students for the primary care role, as well as the acute-care role. Pediatric acute-care nurse practitioners are prepared to care for patients with acute, complex, critical, and chronic illness in a variety of settings.

Psychiatric-Mental Health Concentration

The curriculum of the psychiatric-mental health concentration has a life span focus, with core course content covering all ages. The concentration emphasizes a biopsychosocial framework to develop the understanding of human development, etiology of psychiatric disorders, and treatment modalities geared toward working with individuals across the life span and their families. The course of study emphasizes diagnostic decision making; psychotherapeutic interventions, including individual, family, and group therapies; and psychopharmacology across the life span.

[Please visit Bouvé College Learning Outcomes for the specific student learning outcomes for this program.](#)

Program Requirements

Complete all courses and requirements listed below unless otherwise indicated.

Core Requirements

A grade of B or higher is required in each course.

Code	Title	Hours
Professional		
NRSG 5118	Healthcare System and Professional Role Development	3
NRSG 5121	Epidemiology and Population Health	3

Clinical

NRSG 5117	Advanced Pharmacology	2
NRSG 5126	Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice	3
NRSG 7105	Translating Research Evidence into Practice	3
NRSG 7110	Evidence-Based Practice Research Application	2

Concentrations

A concentration is required to complete this program.

- Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner, Acute Care (p. 2)
- Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care (p. 2)
- Family Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care (p. 3)
- Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (p. 3)
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Acute and Primary Care (p. 4)
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care (p. 4)
- Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (p. 4)

Program Credit/GPA Requirements

Total program hours vary based on the concentration the student chooses

Minimum 3.000 GPA required

CONCENTRATION IN ADULT-GERONTOLOGY NURSE PRACTITIONER, ACUTE CARE

Code	Title	Hours
Clinical		
NRSG 6115	Health Assessment	3
NRSG 6222	Pharmacology of Adults and Older Adults	2
Theory		
NRSG 6220	Nursing Management: Acute Episodic Illness	3
NRSG 6221	Nursing Management: Critical and Chronic Illness	3
NRSG 6241	Acute-Care Concepts in Nursing Practice	3
Practicum		
NRSG 6420	Adult-Gerontology Acute-Care Nursing Practicum 1	2
NRSG 6421	Adult-Gerontology Acute-Care Nursing Practicum 2	4
NRSG 6422	Adult-Gerontology Acute-Care Nursing Practicum 3	4

ELECTIVE

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 3 semester hours in the following subject area:		3
NRSG		

PROGRAM CREDIT REQUIREMENT

43 total semester hours required, including program core requirements

CONCENTRATION IN ADULT-GERONTOLOGY NURSE PRACTITIONER, PRIMARY CARE

Code	Title	Hours
Clinical		
NRSG 6115	Health Assessment	3
NRSG 6222	Pharmacology of Adults and Older Adults	2
Required Core		
NRSG 6249	Health Promotion of Adult/Older Adult	3
NRSG 6253	Primary Care of Adult/Older Adult Health Problems	3
NRSG 6254	Primary Care of Adult/Older Adult Complex Patients	3
Practicum		

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NRSG 6449	Health Promotion of Adult/Older Adult Practicum	1
NRSG 6450	Adult/Older Adult Practicum 1	5
NRSG 6451	Adult/Older Adult Practicum 2	5

ELECTIVE

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 2 semester hours in the following subject area:		2
NRSG		

PROGRAM CREDIT REQUIREMENT

43 total semester hours required, including program core requirements

NURSING CONCENTRATION IN FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER, PRIMARY CARE

Code	Title	Hours
Professional		
NRSG 6115	Health Assessment	3
Family		
NRSG 6390	Family Care of the Adult/Older Adult Patient	4
NRSG 6392	Family Theory	2
NRSG 6393	Family Care of the Pediatric and Adolescent Patient	4
NRSG 6395	Healthcare of Women in Family Practice	2
Clinical		
NRSG 6222	Pharmacology of Adults and Older Adults	2
NRSG 6398	Prescribing Considerations in the Pediatric and Adolescent Populations	2
Practicum		
NRSG 6391	Practicum for NRSG 6390	4
NRSG 6394	Practicum for NRSG 6393	4
NRSG 6396	Practicum for NRSG 6395	4

PROGRAM CREDIT REQUIREMENT

47 total semester hours required, including program core requirements

CONCENTRATION IN NEONATAL NURSE PRACTITIONER

Code	Title	Hours
Clinical		
NRSG 6116	Advanced Health Assessment of the Neonate and Infant	3
NRSG 6230	Nursing Management: Critically Ill Neonatal 1	3
NRSG 6231	Nursing Management: Critically Ill Neonatal 2	3
NRSG 6232	Neonatal Pharmacology	2
Practicum		
NRSG 6430	Neonatal Clinical Practicum 1	4
NRSG 6431	Neonatal Clinical Practicum 2	4
NRSG 6432	Neonatal Clinical Practicum 3	2

ELECTIVE

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 4 semester hours at the graduate level from the following subject area:		4
NRSG		

PROGRAM CREDIT REQUIREMENT

41 total semester hours required, including program core requirements

CONCENTRATION IN PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER, ACUTE & PRIMARY CARE

Code	Title	Hours
Clinical Core Courses		
NRSG 6115	Health Assessment	3
NRSG 6116	Advanced Health Assessment of the Neonate and Infant	3
NRSG 6262	Pediatric Pharmacology	2
Clinical Theory Courses (*NRSG 6275 w/clinical component)		
NRSG 6275	Health Promotion and Preventative Care in Pediatrics in the Context of Community Health	4
NRSG 6264	Care of Well Child/Adolescent Health Promotion	3
NRSG 6265	Care of Child/Adolescent Health Problems	3
NRSG 6267	Care of the Critically Ill Child	3
Clinical Practicum Courses		
NRSG 6460	Pediatric NP Practicum 2	5
NRSG 6461	Pediatric NP Practicum 3	5
NRSG 6463	Care of the Critically Ill Child Practicum	5

PROGRAM CREDIT REQUIREMENT

52 total semester hours required, including program core requirements

CONCENTRATION IN PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER, PRIMARY CARE

Code	Title	Hours
Clinical Core Courses		
NRSG 6115	Health Assessment	3
NRSG 6262	Pediatric Pharmacology	2
Clinical Theory Courses (*NRSG 6275 w/clinical component)		
NRSG 6264	Care of Well Child/Adolescent Health Promotion	3
NRSG 6265	Care of Child/Adolescent Health Problems	3
NRSG 6275	Health Promotion and Preventative Care in Pediatrics in the Context of Community Health	4
Clinical Practicum Courses		
NRSG 6460	Pediatric NP Practicum 2	5
NRSG 6461	Pediatric NP Practicum 3	5

PROGRAM CREDIT REQUIREMENT

41 total semester hours required, including program core requirements

CONCENTRATION IN PSYCHIATRIC-MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER

Code	Title	Hours
Required Core		
NRSG 6281	Dimensions of Clinical Psychiatric Practice	3
NRSG 6282	Clinical Psychopharmacology	3
NRSG 6283	Psychobiological Bases of Mental Health	3
NRSG 6286	Contemporary Psychotherapies—Theory and Practice	3
NRSG 6287	Child and Adolescent Psychopharmacology	2
Clinical Practicum		
NRSG 6115	Health Assessment	3
NRSG 6480	Psychiatric Practicum across the Life Span 1	5
NRSG 6481	Psychiatric Practicum across the Life Span 2	5

PROGRAM CREDIT REQUIREMENT

43 total semester hours required, including program core requirements