

# Are You a Future Pediatric Nurse Practitioner?

## What is a PNP?

Pediatric nurse practitioners (PNPs) care for children from birth through adulthood. PNP responsibilities include:

- perform and interpret diagnostic tests
- diagnose and treat acute conditions (like infections and injuries) and chronic conditions (like diabetes and asthma)
- perform developmental and behavioral assessments
- prescribe medications and other treatments

## Why become a PNP?

- PNPs have greater autonomy than other pediatric nursing roles, and can even practice solo in many states.
- Average annual salary for nurse practitioners is \$121,000\*.
- Anticipated 52.2% employment growth in the next 10 years\*.

\*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Where do PNPs work?

Primary Care Settings:



Primary Care Practices



School-based Clinics



Public Health Clinics



Convenient and Urgent Care

Acute Care Settings:



Hospitals



Emergency Departments



Pediatric Intensive or Critical Care



Subspecialty Teams

## Check List

- Enjoy working with children
- Compassionate and kind
- Interest in science
- Commitment to lifelong learning
- Want to make a difference

## Want to become a PNP?

What can you do now to prepare? Talk to your school nurse and career counselor about pediatric nursing for your future. Take science classes in school. Look for volunteer work or jobs involving children or adolescents.

Whether you become a Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in Primary Care (CPNP-PC) or a Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in Acute Care (CPNP-AC) depends on the academic program that you choose to study.

## How to become a PNP?

