

# 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?

1

Complete a bachelor's degree in nursing.

2

Pass the National Council Licensure Exam to become a registered nurse (RN).

3

Work RN jobs in pediatric settings for 2 years.

4

For PNP role, attend a master's or doctoral level pediatric nurse practitioner program.

5

Pass the CPNP-PC or CPNP-AC exam.



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