



**FNP Primary Care I
NURS 5453
Fall 2026**

Scheduled Class Days and Times: Online and required on-campus days.

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Course Description: This course will focus on the application of evidence-based diagnostic reasoning, care management, and the provision of primary health care within the pediatric population. Development of skills to assess and manage pediatric cases, design person-centered care plans, understand genomics knowledge for counseling families, and optimize outcomes within the context of population health will be emphasized. This course has 125 clinical hours.

Prerequisites: NURS 5339 AND Admission to MSN FNP program or NURS 5339 AND Admission to FNP Cert program.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon completing this course, the learner will have demonstrated the ability to:

1. Apply evidence-based diagnostic reasoning to critically assess and manage pediatric cases in the primary care setting.
2. Implement evidence-based, person-centered plans of care to promote health and optimize outcomes for pediatric patients and their families within the context of population health.
3. Identify physiological, pathophysiological, psychological, sociocultural, genomic, spiritual, and ethical concepts to guide the management of pediatric patients and their families in the primary care setting.
4. Evaluate the use of informatics and communication technologies to manage data, support clinical decision-making, and improve the delivery of safe, high-quality, and efficient care for pediatric patients in the primary care setting.
5. Demonstrate the essential components of the Family Nurse Practitioner role by advocating for patients, families, and communities, while promoting personal health, resilience, well-being, leadership development, and a commitment to lifelong learning.

6. Discuss the influence of health policy and quality initiatives on systems-based practice and advanced practice nursing care for pediatric patients, highlighting the importance of interprofessional collaboration in optimizing outcomes.

Required Textbooks and Readings:

Garzon, D., Dirks, M., Driessnack, M., Duderstadt, K., Gaylord, N. (Eds.). (2024). *Burn's Pediatric Primary Care* (8th ed.)
ISBN: 978-0323882316

Fitzgerald, M. Nurse practitioner Certification Examination and Practice Preparation **6th Ed.**
978-0803677128 F.A. Davis Co.

All students are required to have an active EXAAT subscription.

All students are required to purchase the pediatric FNP Mastery Q- Banks.

All students are required to purchase the APEA Pediatric Comprehensive Final Exam.

All students are required to purchase the Dermatology for Primary Care (DFPC) subscription.

Recommended Textbooks and Readings:

Gilbert, D., Chambers, H., Saag, M., Pavia, A., Boucher, H., Black, D., Freedman, D., Kim, K., & Schwartz, B. (2024). *The Sanford Guide to Antimicrobial Therapy 2024* (54th ed.) Antimicrobial Therapy Inc.
ISBN: 978-1-944272-28-9 (Library Edition)

Ferri, F. (2024). *Ferri's Clinical Advisor 2024*. Elsevier
ISBN: 978-0323755764

Special Course Notes:

1) Proctoring Notice

The content exams in this course will be proctored using the Respondus Lockdown Browser and Respondus Monitor proctoring service. There is no cost to the student to utilize the proctoring service; however, students are required to have an external webcam and a microphone on their computer. The microphone is not required to be external and can be the one embedded within your computer or laptop.

The external webcam should be a high definition (1080p) webcam with a tripod. An external webcam with a tripod is required to allow you to meet the requirements of the video monitoring for each test. An external webcam is one which is separate from your computer or laptop. Logitech

tends to be a good brand, but any high-definition external webcam is acceptable. Retail cost: \$30.00 to \$160.00.

If you cannot provide these items, you must contact faculty by the second week of the course so we can arrange for you to take your exam on campus or another secure location. Details on utilizing the proctoring service and setting up your webcam can be found in the Canvas course.

2) APEA Pediatric Comprehensive Exam

This course requires students to use external applications/websites for the APEA pediatric predictor exam. All predictor exams will be proctored live via online proctoring, which will require a camera and audio during each exam.

3) Virtual Office Hours Zoom Meetings

All Zoom sessions will be recorded and posted in Canvas.

Lecture dates, TBA.

4) Email Responses

To expedite email responses to course questions, please put "NURS 5351" in the subject line of the email. This alerts faculty that the email is course related. Faculty will strive to answer course questions in a 48 hr time period Monday – Friday.

Assignments and Weights/Percentage/Point Values:

NURS 5351 Course Assignments and Weights	
EXAMS (80% average on three exams required to pass course) Exam I Exam II Exam III	50%
Module Quizzes (five quizzes)	15%
Assignments: SOAP Notes #1 & #2 EXAAT Clinical SOAP patient logs Dermatology for Primary Care	25%
FNP Mastery	5%
APEA Comprehensive Final Exam	5%
Clinical Performance OSCEs Live Cases OSCE Lab Exams Midterm CPE Final CPE (Must score a minimum of 80% on CPE/OSCE to pass)	P/F
Total	100 %

Grading Scale:

Specific guidelines and grading criteria for all assignments are in the Canvas modules. Final grades for the course will be determined based upon the following point assignments:

- A - 90-100
- B - 80-89
- C - 70-79
- D - 60-69
- F - Below 60

Grades will not be rounded when calculating the average (79.5 is not rounded to 80, and 89.5 is not rounded to 90). The simple average of all unit exam grades, including a final, must be at or above 80% to pass the course. Once the student has achieved a simple unit exam average of 80% or higher, course grades will be determined based on the weighted calculation of exams and other required coursework. Students are required to achieve an average of 80% (B) to successfully complete the course.

A student receiving below an 80% simple average on all unit exams will receive a grade of "C" or lower based on their exam grades. No other coursework will be included in the final grade until the 80% simple average on all unit exams is met.

Although the university policy allows 60 days for grade appeals, the School of Nursing follows a stricter timeline of 10 days to facilitate students' timely progression through the curriculum. In the case of extenuating circumstances, please consult the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for guidance.

Academic Integrity: Cheating of any kind, as defined in Section 8 of the UT Tyler Manual of Policies and Procedures (MOPP) for Student Affairs (<https://www.uttyler.edu/mopp/>), will not be tolerated. Consequences may include:

- reprimand
- exam failure
- course failure
- expulsion from the Nursing program
- expulsion from the University
- other consequences as assigned

Exam and homework materials, questions, and problems are the intellectual property of faculty, UT Tyler, or publishers.

- These materials may not be distributed without permission.
- Distributing or uploading them to online resources destroys the integrity of the assignment and the course, allowing others an unfair advantage by letting them view the materials.

- Uploading these materials to online resources is a violation of UT Tyler's academic misconduct policies and may result in formal conduct charges.
- Sanctions for uploading or otherwise divulging the contents of these materials can include:
 - a reduced or failing grade on an assignment
 - a reduced or failing grade for the course
 - removal from the Nursing program
 - removal from UT Tyler

Artificial Intelligence: All assignments in this course are individual assignments. You are expected to do the actual work on your assignments independently.

- Use of an AI Generator such as ChatGPT, MidJourney, DALL-E, Open Evidence, etc. is explicitly prohibited unless otherwise noted by the instructor. The information derived from these tools is based on previously published materials. Therefore, using these tools without proper citation constitutes plagiarism. Additionally, be aware that the information derived from these tools is often inaccurate or incomplete. It is imperative that all work submitted should be your own. Any assignment that is found to have been plagiarized or to have used unauthorized AI tools may receive a zero and/or be reported for academic misconduct.

Late Policy: 5% will be deducted each day an assignment is past due unless prior arrangements have been made with your course faculty. Extenuating circumstances may apply.

Repeating a Course: Students repeating this course may not use previously submitted assignments nor utilize the same patients for an assignment. Submitting the same or slightly modified assignments from previous semesters is considered self-plagiarism and is subject to academic discipline, including failing the assignment or the course.

Attendance and Make-up Policy: Attendance/participation is expected. Make-up for exams, quizzes, assignments, and missed clinical time is at the instructor's discretion.

Graded Course Requirements Information:

SOAP Notes: SOAP notes are required for the course. SOAP notes must be completed on patients seen in the current course. All work must be original. SOAP—or subjective, objective, assessment, and plan—notes allow students to document patient encounters in a structured way allowing the translation, implementation, and dissemination of nursing science into patient care. *Additional detailed information will be provided in Canvas.*

Clinical Documentation: All clinical documentation must be submitted by the assigned due dates for success in the course. This includes a preceptor signature sheet, a summary of clinical hours, and Midterm and Final Clinical Performance Evaluations. *Additional detailed information will be provided in Canvas.*

APEA Pediatric Exam: The APEA Exam will be given as a practice exam in preparation for Board Certification exams. The goal of the exam is to identify areas of weakness and to promote active participation in practice questions. *Additional detailed information will be provided in Canvas.*

FNP Mastery: These comprehensive study questions will assist in identifying specific areas for additional study opportunity. Students can remediate for future courses and certification exams. *Additional detailed information will be provided in Canvas.*

Dermatology for Primary Care Modules: DFPC Modules for this course include Hives, Pityriasis Rosea, Bites, Stings, Infestations, Acne Vulgaris, and Eczema. You will have 3 attempts on each quiz and must achieve a score greater than 80% to receive a grade. Upload your completion certificate for the assigned dermatology modules and quizzes. *Additional detailed information will be provided in Canvas.*

OSCEs: Objective Simulation Clinical Experience will be pass/fail. You must score a minimum average of 80% to pass OSCEs. OSCEs scores are composed of three online quizzes and an on-campus face-to-face clinical check-off day by School of Nursing Faculty. *Additional detailed information will be provided in Canvas.*

Please Note: Detailed information, along with grading rubrics for course assignments will be provided in Canvas.

Clinical Course Requirements Information:

1) Clinical Hours Required

NURS 5351 is a 125 clinical hour, 15-week course. Students can expect a minimum of 10 hours of clinical per week.

A minimum of 125 clinical hours is required for satisfactory completion of this course. Twenty-five percent of all hours for the entire program are recommended to be completed with an Advanced Practice Nurse. The remainder of the clinical hours may be completed with a physician (MD or DO) or PA. To meet the course learning objectives, a student may choose to work with physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners at a setting that meets the educational needs for the semester. **Please remember that students are not allowed to rotate with their supervisor or anyone in their direct line of report or with a relative. Students currently employed at smaller facilities such as physician- or NP-owned clinics will likely need to rotate elsewhere.** Each course has a specific population focus for clinicals, and clinical sites/preceptors must be approved by course faculty.

2) Appropriate Clinical Attire

A lab coat with the UT Tyler School of Nursing patch on the left chest and ID badge are worn at all times while in the clinical area. All clothing should be clean, pressed, with no frayed hems

showing. Men are to wear button-up shirts that are tucked in and a belt. Ties are optional. Ladies are to wear professional dresses or pants and shirts that do not show cleavage. Running shoes and jeans are considered unacceptable and may result in dismissal from the clinic for the day. Should a preceptor advise the student to wear scrubs then this is permitted only in that preceptor's setting. Scrubs are not the normal attire of NPs in clinics. Students should ask their preceptor how they should dress prior to arrival at the clinical site. Remember, UT Tyler NP students are representing themselves and the university as future NPs.

3) Preceptor Handbooks

Students are required to give each preceptor a UT Tyler Preceptor Handbook and review the contents of the handbook with them. The Preceptor Handbook is available on Mission Possible in Canvas. **In addition, students are expected to develop specific clinical objectives and provide them to each of their preceptors at the beginning of their clinical rotations.**

4) Clinical Hours Documented within EXAAT

Clinical hours (time logs and patient logs) MUST be entered within 72 hours of the clinical date. If deadline is missed, students will lose these hours and must adjust clinical schedule to obtain required clinical hours. Clinical time should not be used to enter data into EXAAT/ InPlace. The EXAAT/ InPlace hours and preceptor signature sheet hours must match.

Students are to use the clinical time to see patients as quickly and efficiently as possible. Do not count lunch into the hours entered if a break was taken for lunch.

Confidentiality - maintain patient confidentiality by not removing any patient identifiers from clinics other than patient initials for the InPlace log, as this would be considered a HIPAA violation. Students may not take a printed patient schedule, lab, or any other printed information from the clinic setting. No screenshots or copies of any patient records are allowed.

5) Preceptor Signature Sheets

Preceptor signatures should be obtained each day the student is in clinical.

Please use the preceptor signature sheet located in Canvas. Students will need to verify their InPlace submissions by showing they correlate with their preceptor signature sheets. **The student must add up the time on their preceptor signature sheet and the time on their InPlace entries (excluding lunch), and these hours must correlate.**

6) Clinical Performance Evaluations

Students must obtain a passing clinical performance evaluation by the student's faculty member before a grade in the course will be determined. For this course, the student is expected to make an appropriate plan of care for every patient seen in clinical. Students must also meet the satisfactory level of 80% on CPE and OSCES.

Please see the Clinical Performance Evaluation (CPE) for specific areas evaluated. Students will be evaluated by their clinical faculty member using several means, including but not necessarily limited to the following: observation, chart review, speed of patients seen, discussions with the student's preceptor(s), and review of feedback provided by the preceptor CPEs. Clinical performance requires application of key concepts in providing care to individuals and families as evidenced by documentation in the CPE. **TWO CPEs** are required for this course – **one mid-term and one final evaluation**. Students must satisfactorily complete the clinical performance component of the course to be eligible to pass the course. A minimum of 80% on OSCE performance from faculty and a minimum of two satisfactory CPE's from the preceptor must be completed to provide evidence of satisfactory performance. Failure to complete the clinical component satisfactorily will result in a course failure.

Note: At the discretion of the faculty, additional site visits and/or clinical hours (in 40-hour segments) may be added to the student's overall course requirement if the student does not perform satisfactorily during evaluation by either faculty or preceptor. In addition, faculty may make unannounced visits to the clinical site or call the preceptor at any time to evaluate a student's progress. Please be sure to keep faculty informed of any changes in clinical schedule/times. Should an unsatisfactory CPE/OSCE be documented, a subsequent CPE/OSCE may be needed. The subsequent CPE/OSCE must demonstrate satisfactory performance in order for the student to pass the clinical portion of the course.

Important Dates:

- Classes begin for 15-week session: August 27, 2026
- Course Orientation: Tuesday, September 1, 2026
- Labor Day: September 7, 2026, school and offices closed
- Census Date: September 10, 2026
- Last Day to File for Fall Graduation: October 1, 2026
- Last Date to Withdraw: November 2, 2026
- Thanksgiving Holidays: November 23-27, 2026
- Last Day of Course: December 12, 2026
- Commencement: December 11, 2026
- Please refer to the course schedule and Canvas for specific due dates.

School of Nursing Policies and Additional Information:

https://www.utt Tyler.edu/nursing/college/student_guide_and_policies.php

Artificial Intelligence and Academic Integrity Statements: <https://www.utt Tyler.edu/digital-learning/ai/>

Student Resources and University Policies are provided in Canvas.

Calendar of Weekly Topics and Readings

Week/Module	Module/ReadingContent
Week 1	Influences on Child Health and Child Health Assessment
Week 2	The Newborn, Child Development, Immunizations
Week 3	Childhood trauma, Management of Development in Adolescents
Week 4	Pediatric Dermatology
Week 5	HEENT
Week 6	Antibiotic Therapy and Respiratory Disorders
Week 7	Pediatric Cardiology
Week 8	Pediatric GI Complaints
Week 9	Genitourinary, Gynecological Disorders and STIs
Week 10	Neuro/ Muscular Disorders/ Orthopedic
Week 11	OSCE ON CAMPUS (Dates TBA)
Week 12	Hematologic Disorders and HIV
Week 13	Emergencies, Injuries, and Poisoning Genetics
Week 14	Clinical Wrap-up
Week 15	Inplace/EXAAT validated and final grades are due.

