The Post-Master's Pediatric Nurse Practitioner—Acute Care (PNP-AC) Certificate option is intended to prepare the master's- or doctoral-prepared advanced practice nurse—such as pediatric primary care nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, neonatal nurse practitioner, or family nurse practitioner—who desires formal education and clinical training in caring for more acute, complex pediatric patients in order to become eligible to apply for pediatric nurse practitioner certification in acute care through the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board. This Post-Master's Certificate option builds on the existing curriculum of the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner—Acute Care specialty and assumes that the entering student has a master's degree or doctoral degree in nursing and a specialty in some aspect of pediatric, family, or parent-child nursing.

The plan of study includes all the required courses currently offered in the PNP-AC specialty except for the statistics and research course. For purposes of student eligibility for certification, all PNP-AC required courses must be taken at the Yale School of Nursing or challenged by either examination or demonstration of similar course content in the student’s previous master’s program. A plan of study may be obtained from the specialty director.

Required courses for all post-master's PNP-AC students will be determined based on the incoming student’s graduate academic record.