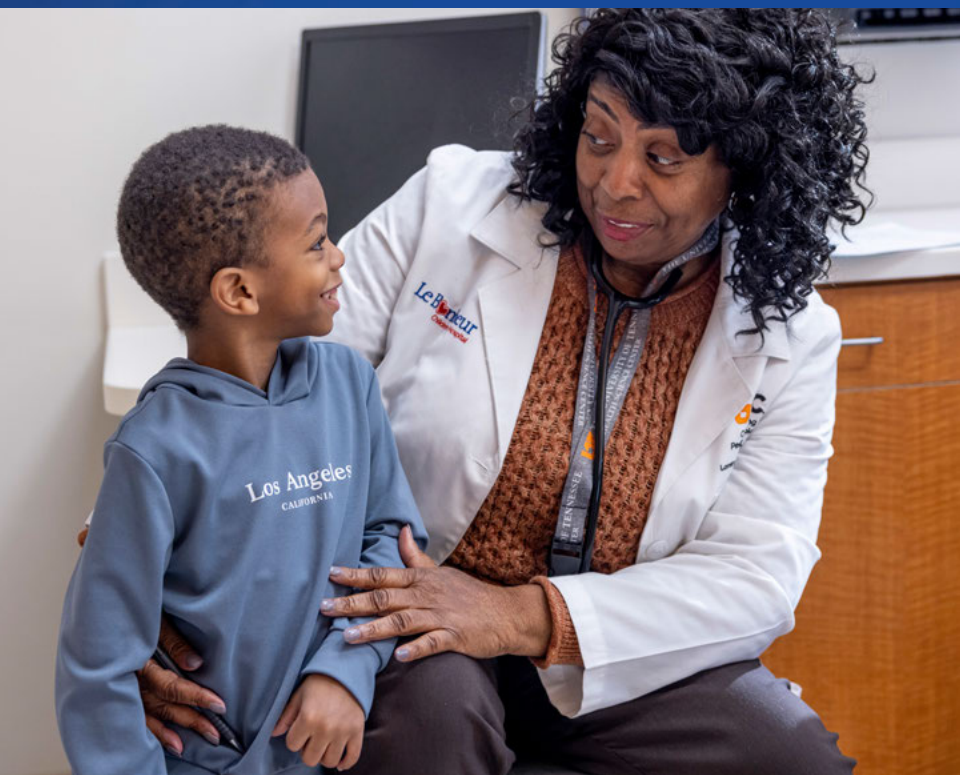


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"Best Practice, Best Care"

Nov. 12-13, 2026

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The 8th annual Pediatric Advanced Practice Provider Conference: Best Practice, Best Care is hosted by Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, UT Health Sciences - College of Nursing and the TN Blues City Chapter of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners. This one-of-a-kind conference is specifically tailored for nurse practitioners and physician assistants who take care of pediatric patients. Current evolving topics in pediatric health care will be covered with an emphasis on new innovations and evidence-based care.

*The pre-conference on Thursday, Nov. 12 is **in-person only**. The main conference on Friday, Nov. 13 is **also in-person**, with limited virtual access available only for attendees located more than 50 miles away or under special circumstances.*

TARGET AUDIENCE

This course is designed for Advanced Practice Providers.

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OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, the participant should be able to:

- Explain current evidence-based practices to the assessment, diagnosis, management, and referral of common and complex pediatric health conditions.
- Identify community, behavioral health, and developmental resources that support comprehensive, family-centered pediatric care across diverse populations.
- Recognize emerging trends and innovations in pediatric healthcare, including artificial intelligence, advances in specialty care, and outcome measurement, into clinical practice.
- Evaluate social, environmental, and population health factors that influence health outcomes for children and adolescents, including rural health and community service access.
- Demonstrate strategies to enhance professional practice, including care coordination, documentation, coding, and interprofessional collaboration, to improve quality of care and healthcare delivery.

ACCREDITATION

This program is accredited for up to 10.25 NAPNAP CE contact hours of which up to 0.5 contain pharmacology (Rx), content per the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners Continuing Education Guidelines.

THURSDAY, NOV. 12, 2026

- 2-4 p.m. **Pre-Conference (Optional) - *In-Person Only***
- **BeHiP Training though TNAAP Auditorium**
Pre-conference Reception Immediately Following

FRIDAY, NOV. 13, 2026

- 7:30 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast**
Visit Exhibitors
- 8 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- 8:10 a.m. **The Rural Health Landscape**
Matt McDaniel, MPH, MHA, MS
- 8:55 a.m. **Shelby County Community Services:
Connecting Every Resident to the Programs
That Matter Most**
Sonia R. Thomas, DNP, NEA-BC, RNC
- 9:40 a.m. **Break | Visit Exhibitors**
- 10 a.m. **BREAKOUTS**
Breakout 1:
Asthma: Another Review of Old and New
Charles Stewart, DNP, CPNP-PC
Breakout 2:
**Pediatric Hematuria: When to Worry,
When to Watch**
Jill Travis, DNP, FNP-C, CPNP- AC
Breakout 3:
**Developmental Surveillance, Screening,
and Referral**
Sarah Carter, DNP, CPNP-PC
- 10:30 a.m. **BREAKOUTS**
Breakout 4:
**The Weight of Wellness: Pediatric Obesity
Across the Lifespan**
Megan Rushing, DNP, CPNP-AC
Breakout 5:
AI in Healthcare: A Primer for Clinicians
Carly Jo Meredith, DNP, FNP-BC, NE-BC
Breakout 6:
Common Childhood Epilepsies
Brittany Williams, DNP, CPNP-AC/PC, CNL

11 a.m.

BREAKOUTS

Breakout 7:

Otitis Media in Pediatrics

Paul Weatherly, DNP, CPNP-AC

Breakout 8:

Innovative Frontiers in Pediatric Heart Care

Katie Hunter, MSN, CPNP-PC

Breakout 9:

Pediatric Behavioral Health:

How a Psychologist Can Help

William Dalton, PhD

11:30 a.m. **Lunch | Time with Exhibitors**

12:10 p.m. **NAPNAP Announcements**

12:15 p.m. **Keynote: Showcasing Outcomes of Pediatric Advanced Practice Providers**

Ruth Kleinpell, Ph.D., APRN-BC, FAAN, FAANP

1 p.m. **Pediatric Dermatology: Pearls for Primary Care**

Loree Easley, PA-C

1:45 p.m. **Break | Snacks**

2 p.m. **Elevating Professional Coding to Improve Accuracy and Reimbursement**

Jennifer Walen, MHA, FACHE, FHFMA, FACMPE, CHC, CRCR, CPC, CCS, CAH-RH-CBS and Julie Appleton

2:45 p.m. **Conference Wrap-up**

TUITION

Pre-Conference: The fee for the pre-conference is **\$30** for professionals (NP, PA, MD, RN) and **\$20** for students.

Main Conference: The fee for the main conference on Friday is **\$60** for professionals (MD, PA, NP, RN) and **\$45** for students. All registrants will have access to the recorded webinar after the conference.

To register, visit <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/MMV-5A?vid=1rko3h> or text **PAPPC** to **41444**.

CONFERENCE SITE

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City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: () _____

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Pre-Conference Attendance: ☐ Attending ☐ Not Attending

Conference Attendance: ☐ Virtual ☐ In-Person

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or text PAPPC to 41444

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