

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING: PSYCHIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER TRACK

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) program prepares advanced practice psychiatric nurses to provide care in a wide variety of settings: hospitals, outpatient clinics, private practices, intensive outpatient settings, substance use, and extended care facilities. Students learn to care for individuals suffering from a variety of mental health problems and psychiatric disorders. Patients range in age from children throughout the lifespan and are from diverse ethnic and socio-economic groups. Students learn to assess, diagnose, treat, and evaluate outcomes. Holistic trauma-informed care, integrated care, telehealth care, and psychotherapy are important components of the curriculum. We place students in clinical practice sites that span the state with seasoned PMHNPs. The MSN Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner track requires 59 credits of coursework, including 12 credits (600 hours) of practicum experience.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Graduate Core Courses		
NURS 6521	Healthcare Leadership Roles for Systems Improvement	3
NURS 7601	Epidemiology and Biostatistics	3
NURS 7605	Advanced Health Policy	3
NURS 7608	Research Methods for Evidence-Based Practice	3
NURS 7614	Information Technology for Healthcare Improvement	3
Practice Core Courses		
NURS 7604	Advanced Health Assessment	4
NURS 7640	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	4
NURS 7641	Advanced Pharmacology	3
Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Courses		
NURS 7650	Psychopathology	3
NURS 7651	Mental Health Nursing of Children and Adolescents	2
NURS 7652	Mental Health Nursing of Individuals Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 7659	Foundational Clinical Skills for Advanced Psychiatric Nursing Practice	3
NURS 7661	Mental Health Nursing of Groups and Families Across the Lifespan	2
NURS 7663	Primary Mental Health Nursing of At-Risk Populations Across the Lifespan	2
NURS 7667	Psychopharmacology	3
NURS 7954	Practicum I: PMHNP	4
NURS 7955	Practicum II: PMHNP	5
NURS 7956	Practicum III: PMHNP	6
Total Credits		59

Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall		
NURS 6521	Healthcare Leadership Roles for Systems Improvement	3
NURS 7640	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	4
Credits		7
Spring		
NURS 7604	Advanced Health Assessment	4
NURS 7641	Advanced Pharmacology	3
Credits		7
Summer		
NURS 7608	Research Methods for Evidence-Based Practice	3
NURS 7614	Information Technology for Healthcare Improvement	3
Credits		6
Second Year		
Fall		
NURS 7601	Epidemiology and Biostatistics	3
NURS 7650	Psychopathology	3
NURS 7651	Mental Health Nursing of Children and Adolescents	2
Credits		8
Spring		
NURS 7605	Advanced Health Policy	3
NURS 7652	Mental Health Nursing of Individuals Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 7659	Foundational Clinical Skills for Advanced Psychiatric Nursing Practice	3
Credits		9
Summer		
NURS 7667	Psychopharmacology	3
NURS 7954	Practicum I: PMHNP	4
Credits		7
Third Year		
Fall		
NURS 7661	Mental Health Nursing of Groups and Families Across the Lifespan	2
NURS 7955	Practicum II: PMHNP	5
Credits		7
Spring		
NURS 7663	Primary Mental Health Nursing of At-Risk Populations Across the Lifespan	2
NURS 7956	Practicum III: PMHNP	6
Credits		8
Total Credits		59