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Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program

The **Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner (PsychNP) Master of Science in Nursing Track** prepares advanced practice nurses to manage the care of individuals and families across the lifespan. The PsychNP Track is designed for nurses holding baccalaureate degrees, who are interested in completing course requirements leading to a graduate degree in nursing. Graduates of this program are eligible to sit for the Psych NP national certification examinations through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) to earn the Psych NP-BC credential, or the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) to earn the NP-C credential.

Role and Qualifications: The PsychNP is the advanced practice nurse generalist and graduates of this track assume responsibility for the provision of healthcare in the areas of mental health promotion, disease prevention and clinical management of mental health conditions. The Psych NP develops collaborative relationships with other healthcare providers, designs and implements the plan of care, and is accountable for improving clinical outcomes and care processes in a quality, cost effective manner. The emphasis of this program is on meeting the healthcare needs of underserved populations.

Curriculum: The 60-credit Psych Master of Science in Nursing Track, which is completed through full-time study in preceptor clinical settings, provides a flexible, executive-education format in which the theoretical content of all courses is taught in **one weekend sessions per month each semester (4 days)**. The remainder of each semester is taught using both a face-to-face and web-enhanced pedagogical approach for student/faculty collaboration, faculty presentations, and clarification of theoretical content. All clinical courses are offered as immersion practicum experiences, conducted in faculty approved, in-person, preceptor clinical settings. The following course sequence is required for this curriculum of study: Students are admitted to this track as a cohort in the Summer, Spring, or Fall semester.

Plan of Study

	Course No.	Course Title	Credits	Clinical Hours
Semester 1	NUR 610	Advanced Pharmacology	3	
	NUR 626	Advanced Pathophysiology	3	
	NUR 620	Advanced Physical Assessment	4	
	Total Semester Credits/Hours			10
Semester 2	NUR 631	Health Promotion/Disease Prevention	3	
	NUR 641	Primary/Mental Health Care I	3	
	NUR 627	Advanced Biostatistics & Epidemiology	3	
	NUR 637	Advanced Psychopharmacology	2	
Total Semester Credits/Hours			11	180
Semester 3	NUR 621	Advanced Nursing Theory	3	
	NUR 628	Health Systems Management	3	
	NUR 641	Primary/Mental Health Care II	3	
	NUR 635	Nursing Research	3	
Total Semester Credits/Hours			12	180
Semester 4	NUR 642	Cultural Diversity	3	
	NUR 639	Perspectives	3	
	NUR 638	Individual Psychotherapy I	4	
	NUR 636	Capstone	1	
Total Semester Credits/Hours			11	
Semester 5	NUR 638	Individual Psychotherapy II	4	
	NUR 640	Psychotherapy w/Group	4	
	NUR 633	PMHNP Practicum	8	240
Total Semester Credits/Hours			16	
Total Program Credits/Hours			60	645

Degree requirements are subject to change