



POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner



ABOUT THIS CERTIFICATE

Available for licensed advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) who are nationally certified as family nurse practitioners (FNPs), this curriculum prepares students to obtain certification as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner (PMHNP).

Mental health is foundational for overall health. Gain the knowledge, training, and certification to meet your patients' mental health care needs. Coursework focuses on population health and treatment of common psychiatric disorders across the lifespan.

AT A GLANCE

- **DELIVERY**
Online
- **CREDIT HOURS**
24 credit hours,
540 clinical hours
- **TIME FRAME**
4 semesters
- **START**
Summer term
- **WHEN TO APPLY**
Sept. 1–Feb. 1

Plan of Study

SUMMER SEMESTER

NUR 420 Psychopharmacology

Focuses on management of psychopharmacologic therapy across the lifespan, including review of related neurochemistry, and neuroanatomy impact of psychotropic medications. (3 credit hours.)

FALL SEMESTER

NUR 421 Psychotherapeutics for Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing

Focuses on psychotherapy theories, therapeutic communication skills, and application of psychotherapy interventions for clients across the lifespan. (3 credit hours.)

NUR 422 Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Practice I

Didactic and practicum focus on role of the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner in treatment of psychiatric disorders in adults. (7 credit hours: 4 didactic, 3 clinical.)

SPRING SEMESTER

NUR 423 Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Practice II

Didactic and practicum expand on previous content, including evidence-based assessment and treatment of common pediatric- and geriatric-specific psychiatric disorders. (7 credit hours: 4 didactic, 3 clinical.)

SUMMER SEMESTER

NUR 424 Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Practice III

Didactic and practicum focus on synthesis of advanced knowledge with emphasis on clinical competencies for advanced psychiatric mental health practice. (4 credit hours: 1 didactic, 3 clinical.)

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