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**Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Master of Science in Nursing Program**

The **Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Master of Science in Nursing Track** prepares advanced practice nurses to manage the care of individuals and families across the lifespan. The PMHNP 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 PMHNP national certification examinations through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) to earn the PMHNP-BC credential.

**Role and Qualifications:** The PMHNP 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 PMHNP 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 59-credit PMHNP Master of Science in Nursing Track, which is completed through precepted clinical settings, provides a flexible, executive-education format in which the theoretical content of all courses is taught in one weekend session 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, precepted 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**

	<b>Course No.</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Clinical Hours</b>
Semester 1	NUR 610	Advanced Pharmacology	3	
	NUR 616	Advanced Pathophysiology	3	
	NUR 620	Advanced Physical Assessment	4	45
	<b>Total Semester Credits/Hours</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>45</b>
Semester 2	NUR 631	Health Promotion/Disease Prevention	3	
	NUR 641	Primary/Mental Health Care I	4	90
	NUR 621	Advanced Nursing Theory	3	
	NUR 637	Advanced Psychopharmacology	2	
<b>Total Semester Credits/Hours</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>90</b>	
Semester 3	NUR 627	Advanced Biostatistics & Epidemiology	3	
	NUR 628	Health Systems Management	3	
	NUR 644	Primary/Mental Health Care II	4	90
	NUR 642	Cultural Diversity	3	
<b>Total Semester Credits/Hours</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>90</b>	
Semester 4	NUR 635	Nursing Research	3	
	NUR 639	Perspectives	3	
	NUR 638	Individual Psychotherapy	6	135
<b>Total Semester Credits/Hours</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>135</b>	
Semester 5	NUR 640	Psychotherapy w/Group and Families	4	90
	NUR 646	PMHNP Practicum	7	180
	NUR 645	PMHNP Preparation	1	
<b>Total Semester Credits/Hours</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>270</b>	
<b>Total Program Credits/Hours</b>		<b>59</b>	<b>630</b>	

**Degree requirements are subject to change**