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Post Master’s Certificate: Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

The **Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Post Master program** prepares advanced practice nurses to manage the care of individuals and families across the lifespan. The Post Master’s PMHNP Track is designed for nurses holding masters degrees, who are interested in completing course requirements leading to a post master’s certificate. 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 47-credit Post Master’s Certificate, 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 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, 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

	Course No.	Course Title	Credits	Clinical Hours
Semester 1	NUR 610	Advanced Pharmacology	3	
	NUR 616	Advanced Pathophysiology	3	
	NUR 620	Advanced Physical Assessment	4	45
	Total Semester Credits/Hours		10	45
Semester 2	NUR 631	Health Promotion/Disease Prevention	3	
	NUR 641	Primary/Mental Health Care I	4	90
	NUR 637	Advanced Psychopharmacology	2	
	Total Semester Credits/Hours		9	90
Semester 3	NUR 644	Primary/Mental Health Care II	4	90
	NUR 627	Advanced Epidemiology & Biostatistics	3	
	Total Semester Credits/Hours		7	90
	Semester 4	NUR 638	Individual Psychotherapy	6
NUR 635		Nursing Research	3	
Total Semester Credits/Hours		9	135	
Semester 5		NUR 640	Psychotherapy w/Group and Families	4
	NUR 646	PMHNP Practicum	7	180
	NUR 645	PMHNP Preparation	1	
	Total Semester Credits/Hours		12	270
	Total Program Credits/Hours		47	630

Degree requirements are subject to change