



A Private University with a
Public Mission

**CHARLES R. DREW
UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND
SCIENCE**

Mervyn M. Dymally School of Nursing
1731 E. 120th St. Los Angeles, Ca.
90059
Ph: 323-568-3301 Fax: 323-568-3389
Inquiries: admissionsinfo@cdrewu.edu
Web: www.cdrewu.edu

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

| | 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 621 | Advanced Nursing Theory | 3 | |
| | NUR 637 | Advanced Psychopharmacology | 2 | |
| Total Semester Credits/Hours | | 12 | 90 | |
| 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 | |
| Total Semester Credits/Hours | | 13 | 90 | |
| Semester 4 | NUR 635 | Nursing Research | 3 | |
| | NUR 639 | Perspectives | 3 | |
| | NUR 638 | Individual Psychotherapy | 6 | 135 |
| Total Semester Credits/Hours | | 12 | 135 | |
| Semester 5 | NUR 640 | Psychotherapy w/Group and Families | 4 | 90 |
| | NUR 646 | PMHNP Practicum | 7 | 180 |
| | NUR 645 | PMHNP Preparation | 1 | |
| Total Semester Credits/Hours | | 12 | 270 | |
| Total Program Credits/Hours | | 59 | 630 | |

Degree requirements are subject to change