

DNP in Nursing with Emphasis in Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Across the Lifespan)

Students who pursue the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Across the Lifespan) area of study will deliver evidence-based advanced mental health care to individuals of all ages including children, adolescents, and their families in a variety of healthcare settings. PMHNPs engage in independent and interdependent decision-making, manage psychotropic medications, and deliver psychotherapeutic and psychoeducational interventions.

The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) offers certification as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Across the Lifespan) Board Certified (PMHNP-BC) and American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANPCB) offers certification as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner - Certified (PMHNP-C). Students who have completed a doctor of nursing practice degree in the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner emphasis area are eligible to sit for the exam. Previous graduate-level coursework from another institution may be accepted toward the degree depending upon transcript review. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 in order to graduate.

Degree Requirements

Students pursuing this degree are required to attend our Graduate Student Success Seminar and Competency Assessments in person on the University of Missouri campus. Please visit the School of Nursing website (<https://nursing.missouri.edu/academic-programs/graduatecourses/>) for details.

Some courses may require synchronous online class meetings. View our course offering schedule here (<https://nursing.missouri.edu/academic-programs/graduatecourses/>).

Core Courses

NURSE 7050	Introduction to Scholarly Writing	2
NURSE 7101	Graduate Student Success Seminar	0
NURSE 7110	Advanced Nursing Roles and Professional Communication	2
NURSE 7160	Scientific Foundations for Health Sciences	4
NURSE 8100	Principles of Epidemiology	3
NURSE 8170	Public Health, Sociocultural Issues, and Health Policy	3
NURSE 8830	Informatics Applications and Innovations in Health Care Systems	3
NURSE 8910	Translational Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	3
NURSE 8920	Quality, Safety, and Performance Outcomes	3
NURSE 8930	Health Program Design and Management	3

NURSE 9080	DNP Residency Project	3
NURSE 9087	Leadership and Transformational Role Institute	2
Emphasis Area Requirements		
NURSE 7102	Level II Competency Assessment	0
NURSE 7120	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	3
NURSE 7130	Advanced Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapeutics	3
NURSE 7140	Advanced Health Assessment and Promotion	3.5
NURSE 8010	Family Dynamics and Intervention	2
NURSE 8089	Transition to APRN Practice	1
NURSE 8103	Level III Competency Assessment	0
NURSE 8310	Health Disparities of Rural and Other Underserved Populations	3
NURSE 8610	Diagnostics and Psychopharmacology for Mental Health Nurses	4
NURSE 8620	Brief Individual and Family Psychotherapy	4
NURSE 8630	Geriatric Mental Health Assessment and Treatment	2.5
NURSE 8635	Assessment and Treatment of Substance Abuse Disorders	2.5
NURSE 8640	Group Therapy and Social Skills Training	3
NURSE 8680	Pediatric Mental Health Assessment and Treatment	3.5
NURSE 9070	DNP Clinical Residency	1-5
NURSE 9104	Level 4 Final Competency Assessment	0

Electives - As needed to reach 72 credit hours.

Admissions

Applicants are required to meet two sets of minimum qualifications for admission: the requirements of the DNP in Nursing (<https://nursing.missouri.edu/academic-programs/doctor-of-nursing-practice/>) and the minimum requirements of the Graduate School (<http://gradschool.missouri.edu/admissions/eligibility-process/minimum-requirements.php>). Because requirements vary, you must refer to a degree program's graduate admission page to learn about specific admission criteria, application deadlines, eligibility, and application process. Your application materials will be reviewed by both the Graduate School and the degree program to which you have applied before official admission to the University of Missouri.