

MS in Nursing with Emphasis in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

NURSE 8680	Pediatric Mental Health Assessment and Treatment	3.5
NURSE 8980	Advanced Clinical Nursing Practicum	4

Students who pursue the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner MS(N) will be prepared to deliver evidence based advanced primary mental health care to individuals of all ages (e.g., children, adolescents, adults) and their families in a variety of healthcare settings, including in rural and under-served populations. The student will engage in independent and interdependent decision-making, managing psychotropic medications, and delivering psycho therapeutic, and psycho education interventions. In addition, graduates will be prepared to manage clinical efforts in the primary care setting, provide visionary leadership, and implement evidence-based practice.

Degree Requirements

The MS(N) Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner curriculum provides core master's coursework in combination with Psychiatric mental Health Nurse Practitioner specialty courses. The specialty courses focus on care of the individual and the family, with a special emphasis on the rural and under-served, utilizing evidence practice guidelines.

The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) offers certification as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (across the lifespan). Students who have completed a master's degree in Nursing in the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner emphasis area are eligible to sit for the exam.

Students must complete the core course required of the MS in Nursing in addition to coursework for the declared emphasis area.

Core Courses

NURSE 7110	Advanced Nursing Roles and Professional Communication	3
NURSE 7160	Scientific Foundations for Health Sciences	4
NURSE 8170	Public Health, Sociocultural Issues, and Health Policy	3
NURSE 8910	Translational Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	3
NURSE 8990	Practice Inquiry	1

Emphasis Area Coursework

NURSE 7120	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	3
NURSE 7130	Advanced Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapeutics	3
NURSE 7140	Advanced Health Assessment and Promotion	3.5
NURSE 8089	Transition to APRN Practice	1
NURSE 8610	Diagnostics and Psychopharmacology for Mental Health Nurses	3.5
NURSE 8620	Brief Individual and Family Psychotherapy	4
NURSE 8640	Group Therapy and Social Skills Training	3.5