

Psychiatric Mental Health

Nurse Practitioner

MSN

Curriculum Guide



Through the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) track, students will develop skills in the assessment and diagnosis of mental illness in the child, adolescent and adult populations. Emphasis is placed on the use of healing interaction in communication with individuals dealing with mental health disorders when initiating and evaluating treatment plans, understanding the major classes of psychotropic drugs and their indications for use in the treatment of various psychiatric disorders across the lifespan, and the professional roles and responsibilities of the advanced practice nurse.

Full-time Option

	Fall (August-December) (or 1st Semester of Program)	Spring (January-May)	Summer (May-August)
Level 1	*NR 532: Introduction to Evidence-Based Practice (3 credits) *NR 540: Advanced Physiology/ Pathology (3 credits)	*NR 533: Application of Evidence-Based Practice (3 credits) NR 541: Advanced Health Assessment (3 credits) Or NR 542: Advanced Pharmacology (4 credits)	NR 535: Health Care Informatics (2 credits) NR 541: Advanced Health Assessment (3 credits) Or NR 542: Advanced Pharmacology (4 credits)
Level 2	NR 670: Neurobiology and Psychopharmacology (3 credits) NR 620: Health Promotion, Maintenance and Restoration (3 credits) NR 650A: Health Care Policy (1 credit)	NR 672: Psychiatric Diagnostics and Management of Adults with Practicum, 175 hours minimum (5 credits) NR 650B: Health Care Organizations and Finance (1 credit)	NR 673: Psychiatric Diagnostics and Management of Children with Practicum, 175 hours minimum (5 credits) NR 650C: Advanced Practice Ethical and Legal Responsibilities (1 credit)
Level 3	NR 671: Systems Interventions for Individuals and Groups with Practicum, 150 hours minimum (3 credits) NR 650D: Advanced Practice Roles and Responsibilities with culminating project (2 credits)		Total credit hours: 42

*See next page for footnote.

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Graduate Admission

MSN: Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Part-time Option

	Fall (August-December) (or 1st Semester of Program)	Spring (January-May)	Summer (May-August)
Level 1	*NR 532: Introduction to Evidence-Based Practice (3 credits)	*NR 533: Application of Evidence-Based Practice (3 credits)	NR 535: Health Care Informatics (2 credits)
Level 1	*NR 540: Advanced Physiology/ Pathology (3 credits)	NR 541: Advanced Health Assessment (3 credits) Or NR 542: Advanced Pharmacology (4 credits)	NR 541: Advanced Health Assessment (3 credits) Or NR 542: Advanced Pharmacology (4 credits)
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*Some semesters the course can be taken face-to-face or online.

NR 540 is a prerequisite to NR 541 and 542.

Students must complete level 1 courses prior to level 2, and level 2 prior to level 3.

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