

# POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE CURRICULUM GUIDE: Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

A nationally recognized Board certification as an Adult–Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist, Adult–Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner, Adult–Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner or Family Nurse Practitioner is required for admission to this program.

Students will develop skills in the assessment and diagnosis of mental illness in the child, adolescent and adult populations. It emphasizes 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.

Course #	Course Title	Credits
NR 670	Neurobiology and Psychopharmacology	3
NR 671	Systems Interventions for Individuals and Groups with Practicum, 150 hours minimum	3
NR 672	Psychiatric Diagnostics and Management of Adults with Practicum, 175 hours minimum	5
NR 673	Psychiatric Diagnostics and Management of Children with Practicum, 175 hours minimum	5

**Total: 16 credit hours**



# Fall Semester Start

## Full time option

Fall ( <i>August – December</i> )	Spring ( <i>January – May</i> )	Summer ( <i>May – August</i> )
<p><b>NR 670:</b> Neurobiology and Psychopharmacology (3 credits)</p> <p><b>NR 671:</b> Systems Interventions for Individuals and Groups with Practicum, 150 hours minimum (3 credits)</p>	<p><b>NR 672:</b> Psychiatric Diagnostics and Management of Adults with Practicum, 175 hours minimum (5 credits)</p>	<p><b>NR 673:</b> Psychiatric Diagnostics and Management of Children with Practicum, 175 hours minimum (5 credits)</p>

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## Part time option

Fall ( <i>August – December</i> )	Spring ( <i>January – May</i> )	Summer ( <i>May – August</i> )
<p><b>NR 670:</b> Neurobiology and Psychopharmacology (3 credits)</p>	<p><b>NR 672:</b> Psychiatric Diagnostics and Management of Adults with Practicum, 175 hours minimum (5 credits)</p>	<p><b>NR 673:</b> Psychiatric Diagnostics and Management of Children with Practicum, 175 hours minimum (5 credits)</p>
<p><b>NR 671:</b> Systems Interventions for Individuals and Groups with Practicum, 150 hours minimum (3 credits)</p>		

**Total: 16 credit hours**

# Spring Semester Start

## Full time option

Spring ( <i>January – May</i> )	Summer ( <i>May – August</i> )	Fall ( <i>August – December</i> )
<p><b>NR 670:</b> Neurobiology and Psychopharmacology (3 credits)</p> <p><b>NR 672:</b> Psychiatric Diagnostics and Management of Adults with Practicum, 175 hours minimum (5 credits)</p>	<p><b>NR 673:</b> Psychiatric Diagnostics and Management of Children with Practicum, 175 hours minimum (5 credits)</p>	<p><b>NR 671:</b> Systems Interventions for Individuals and Groups with Practicum, 150 hours minimum (3 credits)</p>

**Total: 16 credit hours**

## Part time option

Spring ( <i>January – May</i> )	Summer ( <i>May – August</i> )	Fall ( <i>August – December</i> )
<p><b>NR 670:</b> Neurobiology and Psychopharmacology (3 credits)</p>	<p><b>NR 672:</b> Psychiatric Diagnostics and Management of Adults with Practicum, 175 hours minimum (5 credits)</p>	<p><b>NR 673:</b> Psychiatric Diagnostics and Management of Children with Practicum, 175 hours minimum (5 credits)</p>
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