

# PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER, D.N.P.

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP), Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) is a practice degree designed to prepare nurses as clinical practitioners/scholars to assume advanced practice clinical roles. The curricular plan is designed for the student who has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.). The degree prepares graduates to provide holistic, mental health care integrating neuroscientific principles of behavior, experience and psychopharmacology with psychotherapy, consultation and trauma-related care across the lifespan as well as population based and application science to improve patient outcomes. The PMHNP will be prepared to practice in diverse settings including nurse-managed clinics, inpatient psychiatric facilities, home health, private psychiatric practices, addiction centers, general ambulatory clinics and schools.

This curriculum prepares nurses to sit for the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner national certification.

## Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate proficiency in psychopharmacology.
2. Conduct and demonstrate competency in a psychiatric evaluation.
3. Translate evidence to address population health problems.
4. Integrate databases and information literacy in designing interventions for advanced practice.
5. Execute evidence-based interventions to improve health care outcomes.

## Entry

The PMHNP, DNP program offers one entry point for students:

B.S.N. entry - a student must hold a Bachelor of Science in nursing degree from a program that is nationally accredited.

## Requirements for Earning the D.N.P. Degree include:

1. Doctoral residency of at least 18 graduate credit hours for three consecutive major semesters. Enrollment in a summer term is not required to maintain continuity, but credits earned during summer terms (including May session) will count toward the 18 hours required for Residency. The residency requirement may be met only after admission to the D.N.P. program;
2. Completion of an approved program of study;
3. Comprehensive assessment through defense of project proposal;
4. Completion of a research utilization / evidence-based practice project and oral defense.

## Course Requirements (74 hours)

Course	Title	Credits
NURS 702	Pharmacologic Mgmt in Pediatric, Adult, & Gerontological Patients Across Hlthcare Delivery Continuum	3

NURS 704	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning <sup>1</sup>	3
NURS 707	Advanced Pathophysiology for Nurses	3
NURS 717	Application of Basic Statistics for Nursing Practice & Service Management	3
NURS 718	Diagnostic Interpretation and Therapeutic Modalities	3
NURS 720	Clinical Application of Population Analysis	3
NURS 737	Foundations for DNP Development	3
NURS 761	Neuroscientific Basis for Pharmacological & Nonpharmacological Treatments for Psychiatric Conditions	4
NURS 763	Advanced Psychiatric Nurse Practicum I: Management of Psychiatric/Mental Health Conditions <sup>2</sup>	6
NURS 764	Advanced Psychiatric Nurse Practicum II: Management of Complex Psychiatric/Mental Health Conditions <sup>2</sup>	6
NURS 768	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner: Legal, Ethical, and Role Transition	2
NURS 768A	Advanced Psychiatric Nurse Practicum III: Role Development <sup>2</sup>	2
NURS 779	Health Policy <sup>2</sup>	3
NURS 780	Organizational Theories and Systems in Healthcare	3
NURS 781	Applied Technology in Health Care	3
NURS 783	Clinical Project Immersion & Proposal Development <sup>2</sup>	3
NURS 790	Research Methods for Nursing	3
NURS 805	Advanced Nursing Leadership	3
NURS 808	Advanced Nursing in Population Health	3
NURS 817	Application of Statistics for Evidence Based Nursing Practice	3
NURS 819	Evidence and Nursing Practice	3
NURS 897	DNP Project Preparation and Residency <sup>2</sup>	6

**Total Credit Hours** **74**

<sup>1</sup> Indicates on campus immersion course.

<sup>2</sup> Indicates practicum course.