

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.