

FAMILY PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER, MSN

Degree: Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

Field of Study: Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Program Overview

In addition to the shortage of advanced practice psychiatric nurses, healthcare systems are challenged to address the needs of an increasing elderly population; stressed military families; families impacted by the economy, loss of employment, home foreclosure, and other stressors; and a population facing an increase in reported rates of domestic and youth violence.

The work of an advanced practice psychiatric nurse practitioner is dynamic in scope, ranging from prevention and health promotion to early detection and assessment to integration and culturally appropriate, client-centered intervention. Similarly, they can practice in a multitude of environments, including community mental health clinics; hospitals systems; private physician offices; prison systems; military bases and Veteran's Affairs Hospitals; treatment facilities; and psychiatric mental health community centers, among others.

Major Requirements

The Family Systems Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing major, as part of the MSN program, requires 46 credit hours of coursework and 720 hours of clinicals. The coursework is usually completed within four semesters.

Sample Plan of Study

First Year

Fall		Hours
NURS 405	Inquiry I - Theoretical Foundations	2
NURS 453	Advanced Pathophysiology	4
NURS 473	Advanced Psychopathology Across the Lifespan: Part I (Infant through Young Adult)	2
NURS 475	General Systems Theory: Foundations for Practice	2
NURS 476	Advanced Practice Seminar: Role of Psychiatric-Mental Health APRN	1
Hours		11

Spring

NURS 459	Advanced Health Assessment	3
NURS 430	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NURS 465	Psychopharmacology	2
NURS 474	Advanced Psychopathology Across the Lifespan Part II (Adult and Older Adult)	2
NURS 481	Family Systems Theoretical Foundations	2
NURS 482	Family Systems Integration and Application	1
Hours		13

Summer

NURS 425	Inquiry II - Research Process	3
NURS 484	Individual and Group Modalities for Family Systems Practice Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 485	Practicum and Supervision: Family Systems Practice Across the Lifespan	2
NURS 451	Leadership for Quality Healthcare within Organizations and Systems	3
Hours		11

Second Year

Fall

NURS 502	Inquiry III Evidence-Based Practice	2
NURS 486	Modalities for Family Systems Practice: Vulnerable Family Populations	3
NURS 488	Theoretical Basis of Practicum and Supervision in Consult, Collaborate, and Mental Health Education	3
NURS 489	Practicum and Supervision in the Role of Family Systems Psychiatric Mental Health Advanced Practice	3
Hours		11
Total Hours		46