

Areas of Concentration

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Across the Lifespan (PMHNP)

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner clinical sequence has one functional area: Role of the Nurse Practitioner. Students who pursue the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner sequence will take the MSN core courses, four clinical courses, clinical practicums, role courses, an advanced assessment course, pharmacotherapeutics, and psychopharmacology and neurobiology courses in addition to, a course in Family Dynamics. The sequence of studies requires a minimum of 44 credits and leads to the MSN degree. In addition, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner graduates will be eligible to apply for the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner certification examination and for other examinations as deemed appropriate by certifying bodies. This clinical sequence will prepare Advanced Practice Nurses in psychiatric mental health nursing practice who can function in primary care settings with people of all ages. Nurse practitioner students will complete a professional paper in lieu of thesis.