

MSN PROGRAM

PSYCHIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER (ACROSS THE LIFESPAN) CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
MSN Core		
N580	Nurse as Scholar I: Science Development, Study Design & Statistics	3
N581	Nurse as Scholar II: Evidence-based Practice	3
N582	Population Health in a Global Society	3
N583	Professional Transitions: Advanced Nursing Practice	3
	TOTAL	12
“Four Ps”		
N590	Advanced Physiology Across the Lifespan	2
N591	Conceptual Basis of Advanced Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan (concurrent with NUR 594)	1
N594	Specialty Seminars in Advanced Pathophysiology for Neonatal through Gerontological Health (concurrent with NUR 591)	1
N595	Physical Assessment & Diagnostic Reasoning in APN	4
N596	Clinical Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
	TOTAL	11
PMHNP Clinical Courses		
N760	Foundations and Psychiatric Assessment Across the Lifespan	2
N761	Foundations and Psychiatric Assessment Across the Lifespan: Clinical	1=56 hours
N762	Neurophysiology	2
N763	Psychopharmacology	3
N764	Diagnosis and Evidence-Based Treatment of Mental Health Disorders Across the Lifespan	2
N765	Diagnosis of/and Evidence-Based Treatment of Mental Health Disorders Across the Lifespan: Clinical	2=112 hours
N766	Essentials of Addiction Medicine for the Advanced Practice Nurse	3
N767	Psychiatric Mental Health Synthesis –Acute and child-Adolescent Focus: Clinical	4=224 hours
N768	Psychiatric Mental Health Synthesis –Adult/Geriatric Outpatient Population Focus: Clinical	4=224 hours
NXXX	Required Elective	3
	TOTAL	26
** 56 clinical hours = 1 credit hour		
Minimum Requirement for MSN in this Major: 49 credit hours/ 616 clinical hours		

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- At the beginning of the program, each student will have to declare a sub major: adult (18-gero) or pediatrics (18 and under) which will be the focus of their clinical program. This is an Across the Lifespan program so each **student will be required to do clinical in a minimum of 100 hours in child and 100 hours in adult/geriatric.** The remainder of the clinical hours can be done in their sub major population.
- **Distance and On-Campus Based Program:** This program will have required on-campus activities for Physical Assessment and the Clinical Management Courses. Students will be required to come to the Duke SON campus to ***frontload one week every semester*** or ***backload their final semester*** with DUSON faculty and other experts where face to face, simulation, and hands on activities will be conducted when *engaged with specific psychiatric MSN coursework* (see below). ***These courses will also require weekly or bi weekly synchronous online classroom activities.*** Dates for on-campus intensives are announced several months in advance. **Those who are unable to complete the on campus intensives for each semester will receive and incomplete for the course. The content provided in those OCI's may not be available again until the course is offered again.** The MSN Core courses are online courses, with on-campus requirements for the following courses:
 - **Foundations and Psychiatric Assessment Across the Lifespan: Clinical**
 - **Diagnosis and Evidence Based Treatment of Mental Health Disorders Across the Lifespan: Clinical**
 - **Psychiatric Mental Health Synthesis-Child/Acute**
 - **Psychiatric Mental Health Synthesis-Adult/Chronic**
- **MSN Core:** Should be front loaded in curriculum plan, as these are foundational courses for the MSN and the higher level clinical management courses.
- **Course Sequencing:** see MAT plans, but some guidelines:
 - **N590 - Advanced Physiology Across the Lifespan is a pre-requisite for the N591 - Conceptual Basis of Advanced Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan concurrent with N594 Specialty Seminars in Advanced Pathophysiology for Neonatal through Gerontological Health**
 - **N580 - Nurse as Scholar I is a pre-requisite for N581- Nurse as Scholar II**
 - **N590 Advanced Physiology Across the Lifespan and N591 – Conceptual Basis of Advanced Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan are pre-requisites for N595 - Physical Assessment and N596 – Clinical Pharmacology**
 - **The following PMH courses MUST be taken in the following sequence:**
 1. **Foundations and Psychiatric Assessment Across the Lifespan/Clinical and Neurophysiology (can be taken concurrently with #2)**
 2. **Diagnosis and Evidenced Based Treatment of Mental Disorders Across the Lifespan/Clinical & Psychopharmacology (must be taken concurrently)**
 3. **Addictions (can be taken at any time after #1 but must be taken before #4 and #5)**
 4. **Psychiatric Mental Health Synthesis-Child/Acute**
 5. **Psychiatric Mental Health Synthesis-Adult/Gero/Chronic**
- **Clinical Placements and Experiences:** Due to clinical site availability, clinical placement contracts, course objectives and student learning needs, students may need to travel up to 2 hours from their

home address for clinical experiences. For military/VA certificate program; at least 50% of all clinical placements need to be in VA/DoD facilities. **Clinical hours may not be frontloaded.**

- **Courses that can be taken by ABSN/other MSN/DNP/PHD students with permission from course instructors:**
 - Psychopharmacology (must have neurophysiology and N596 as prerequisite)
 - Addictions (must have neurophysiology as prerequisite)
 - Neurophysiology: A Lifespan Approach