

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		
NXXX	Foundations and Psychiatric Assessment Across the Lifespan	2
NXXX	Foundations and Psychiatric Assessment Across the Lifespan: Clinical	1=56 hours
NXXX	Neurophysiology	2
NXXX	Diagnosis and Evidence-Based Treatment of Mental Health Disorders Across the Lifespan	3
NXXX	Psychopharmacology	3
NXXX	Diagnosis of/and Evidence-Based Treatment of Mental Health Disorders Across the Lifespan: Clinical	2=112 hours
NXXX	Essentials of Addiction Medicine for the Advanced Practice Nurse	3
NXXX	Psychiatric Mental Health Synthesis –Child/Acute: Clinical	4=224 hours
NXXX	Psychiatric Mental Health Synthesis –Adult/Gero/Chronic: 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