

# NURSING: PSYCHIATRIC- MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER CONCENTRATION, MASTER OF SCIENCE

## MS Psychiatric-Mental Health

This program will prepare students to provide advanced evidence-based patient-centered care psychiatric and mental health patients across the lifespan. The graduate will be eligible to take the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner certification examination.

## School of Nursing Mission

The mission of the School of Nursing is to prepare graduates for professional positions as safe, competent, and caring nurses to meet the health care needs of diverse populations.

## Acceptance of Transfer Credits

Transfer credit will be awarded per the published Graduate Programs section of the University catalog. A maximum of nine semester hours of transfer credits from an accredited institution may be applied to the degree with approval from the graduate nursing program coordinator.

## Time Limits

Courses completed 6 or more years before the date of graduation will not be accepted as satisfying graduation requirements without the approval by the graduate nursing program coordinator.

## Accreditation

### Accredited by:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)  
3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850  
Atlanta, Georgia 30326  
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## Specific Admission Requirements

Students are responsible for following all admission policies and procedures as outlined in the Graduate Programs section of the University catalog.

1. Complete application to the nursing program.
2. Proof of active, unrestricted Colorado or Colorado Nursing Compact State Registered Nurse license for all MS and MS-DNP concentration options or by the end of the first semester for the BSN-DNP emphases options).
3. Bachelor's degree in Nursing from an accredited university with a 3.0 GPA, or higher (MS, BSN-DNP and associate post-masters certificate options).
4. All prerequisites must be passed with a C or better (C- is not acceptable) including statistics, microbiology and chemistry.

Students receiving a grade less than C in a nursing prerequisite course are not eligible for admission.

5. Master's degree in Nursing from an accredited university with a 3.0 GPA, or higher (MS-DNP Program and associate post-masters certificate options).

## Program Outcomes

1. Eighty percent of graduates will:
  - Complete the program within one and one-half times the length of the program
  - Express satisfaction with the program
  - Pass national certification exam the first time
  - Be employed in role-related professional practice within six months to one year
2. Eighty percent of employers' will express satisfaction with graduates' job performance.

## Expected Student Learning Outcomes for Masters Programs

At the completion of the program, graduates will be able to:

1. Integrate evidence-based practice, ethical decision making and technology into advanced nursing practice.
2. Utilize interprofessional collaboration to provide safe, quality patient-centered care.
3. Explore quality improvement initiatives that affect delivery of advanced nursing practice and health care services.

## Specific Program Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
NSG 504	NSG WRITING & PRESENTATION SKILLS	1
NSG 506	ROLES AND ISSUES	2
NSG 508	ADVANCED PRACTICE THEORY	3
NSG 552	ADVANCED PATHOPHYSIOLOGY	3
NSG 561	ADVANCED PHARMACOLOGY	3
	Credits	12
<b>Spring</b>		
NSG 512	RESEARCH & EVIDENCED BASED PRACTICE	3
NSG 562	ADVANCED ASSESSMENT	2
NSG 562L	ADVANCED ASSESSMENT LAB	1
NSG 676	THEORETICAL MENTAL HEALTH MODELS	2
NSG 677	PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY	2
	Credits	10
<b>Summer</b>		
NSG 551	HEALTH PROMOTION	2
NSG 571	HEALTHCARE INFORMATICS	2
NSG 678	PSYCHIATRIC ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION	2
NSG 679	PSYCHIATRIC DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS	2
	Credits	8
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
NSG 651	PSYCH MENTAL HEALTH I	2
NSG 651L	PMH PRACTICUM I	2
	Credits	4
<b>Spring</b>		
NSG 548	HEALTHCARE: ETHICS, LAW & POLICY	3
NSG 652	PSYCH MENTAL HEALTH II	2

NSG 652L	PMH PRACTICUM II	2
NSG 655L	PMH PRACTICUM MS	1-3
Credits		8-10
<b>Summer</b>		
NSG 653	PSYCH MENTAL HEALTH III	3
NSG 653L	PMH PRACTICUM III	3
NSG 655L	PMH PRACTICUM MS	1-3
Credits		7-9
<b>Year 3</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
NSG 654	PSYCH MENTAL HEALTH IV	3
NSG 654L	PMH PRACTICUM IV	3
NSG 655L	PMH PRACTICUM MS	1-3
Credits		7-9
Total Credits		56-62

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Optional</b>		
NSG 505	BIostatISTICS & RESEARCH	3
NSG 575	CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	3
NSG 576	INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES	3
NSG 577	ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION	3
NSG 593	THESIS SEMINAR	3
NSG 599	THESIS RESEARCH	3-6

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Total Lab Hours</b>		
		<b>30</b>
<b>Total Clinical Practice Hours</b>		
		<b>585</b>
<b>Total Required Program Credits</b>		
		<b>55</b>
<b>Open Electives</b>		
		<b>0-21</b>

NSG 504 NSG WRITING & PRESENTATION SKILLS (1.00 c.h.) is an optional elective to assist students in graduate writing.

NSG 655L PMH PRACTICUM MS (1.00 c.h.) is a variable credit course that all three credits must be completed.

NSG 593 THESIS SEMINAR (3.00 c.h.) & NSG 599 THESIS RESEARCH (1.00 c.h.) Thesis is one of three options to complete graduation requirements.

## Specific Graduation Requirements

The graduate degree will be granted to candidates who meet all of the University catalog requirements plus the following:

1. Graduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.
2. All courses must be passed with a B or better.
3. Completed oral comprehensive exam or directed research or thesis. If choosing to complete a directed research project or thesis you will need to contact the Graduate Nursing Program Coordinator by the end of your second semester.

## Planning Sheet

Disclaimer: The Planning Sheet is designed as a guide for student's planning their course selections. The information on this page provides only a suggested schedule. Actual course selections should be made with the advice and consent of an academic advisor. While accurately portraying the information contained in the college catalog, this form is not considered a legal substitute for that document. Students should

become familiar with the catalog in effect at the time in which they entered the institution.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
NSG 506	Roles and Issues	2
NSG 508	Advanced Practice Theory	3
NSG 552	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NSG 561	Advanced Pharmacology	3
Credits		11
<b>Spring</b>		
NSG 512	Research & Evidenced Based Practice	3
NSG 562	Advanced Assessment	2
NSG 562L	Advanced Assessment Lab	1
NSG 676	Theoretical Mental Health Models	2
NSG 677	Psychopharmacology	2
Credits		10
<b>Summer</b>		
NSG 551	Health Promotion	2
NSG 571	Healthcare Informatics	2
NSG 678	Psychiatric Assessment & Evaluation	2
NSG 679	Psychiatric Differential Diagnosis	2
Credits		8
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
NSG 504	NSG Writing & Presentation Skills (Optional to meet financial services enrollment requirement)	1
NSG 651	Psych Mental Health I	2
NSG 651L	PMH Practicum I	2
Credits		5
<b>Spring</b>		
NSG 548	Healthcare: Ethics, Law & Policy	3
NSG 652	Psych Mental Health II	2
NSG 652L	PMH Practicum II	2
NSG 655L	PMH Practicum MS	1
Credits		8
<b>Summer</b>		
NSG 653	Psych Mental Health III	3
NSG 653L	PMH Practicum III	3
NSG 655L	PMH Practicum MS	1
Credits		7
<b>Year 3</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
NSG 654	Psych Mental Health IV	3
NSG 654L	PMH Practicum IV	3
NSG 655L	PMH Practicum MS	1
Credits		7
Total Credits		56