

NURSING: PSYCHIATRIC- MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER CONCENTRATION, DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

BSN-DNP Psychiatric-Mental Health

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree is designed to prepare nurses for the highest level of clinical practice in the profession of nursing. Graduates are prepared to create and lead new models of health care delivery for communities locally, across the nation and around the world. The DNP program is innovative, inter-/intra-professional and focuses on evidence-based health care. The program maximizes the use of hybrid delivery methods for enhanced learning and increased course accessibility. (To read more about the DNP, visit the American Association of Colleges of Nursing website: <https://www.aacnnursing.org/>)

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.

The School of Nursing offers the DNP for the:

- Baccalaureate-prepared registered nurse
- Master-prepared nurse practitioner who is certified in adult/geriatric acute care, family or psychiatric-mental health
- Post-master's registered nurse

Some states require a specific master's degree to practice as a nurse practitioner; therefore, a concurrent Master of Science with a major in Nursing will be awarded with completion of the DNP.

The School of Nursing also offers the post graduate certificate for DNP-prepared nurses. The plan of study is individualized based on academic completion and requirements.

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 director.

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 director.

Specific Admission Requirements

Students are responsible for following all admission policies and procedures as outlined in the Graduate Studies 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 emphasis 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.

MS-DNP Program and associated post-masters certificate options. Master's degree in Nursing from an accredited university with a 3.0 GPA, or higher is required.

Program Outcomes

1. Eighty percent of graduates will:
 - 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. Seventy percent of graduates will complete their program on-time starting from enrollment day one of the first class of their nursing option.
3. Eighty percent of employers' will express satisfaction with graduates' job performance.

DNP Graduate Student Learning Outcomes

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

1. Integrate evidence-based practice, ethical decision making and technology into advanced nursing practice
2. Conduct scholarly inquiry to influence health outcomes of individuals, aggregates and populations
3. Organize interprofessional collaboration to provide safe, quality patient-centered care.
4. Assume a leadership role in transforming health care systems, policies and standards of care

Specific Program Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Year 1		
Fall		
NSG 504	NSG Writing & Presentation Skills ¹	1
NSG 505	Biostatistics & Research	3
NSG 507	Advanced Practice Roles	2
NSG 508	Advanced Practice Theory	3
Credits		9
Spring		
NSG 562	Advanced Assessment	2

NSG 562L	Advanced Assessment Lab	1
NSG 748	Healthcare: Ethics, Law & Policy	4
NSG 712	Research & Evidence Based Practice	3
Credits		10
Summer		
NSG 551	Health Promotion	2
NSG 571	Healthcare Informatics	2
NSG 714	Epidemiology	3
Credits		7
Year 2		
Fall		
NSG 552	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NSG 561	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NSG 716	Health Care Business & Finance	4
Credits		10
Spring		
NSG 676	Theoretical Mental Health Models	2
NSG 677	Psychopharmacology	2
NSG 718	Organizational & Systems Leadership	4
Credits		8
Summer		
NSG 678	Psychiatric Assessment & Evaluation	2
NSG 679	Psychiatric Differential Diagnosis	2
NSG 801	Doctor of Nursing Practice Seminar	1
Credits		5
Year 3		
Fall		
NSG 651	Psych Mental Health I	2
NSG 651L	PMH Practicum I	2
NSG 802	DNP Project Practicum I	3
Credits		7
Spring		
NSG 652	Psych Mental Health II	2
NSG 652L	PMH Practicum II	2
NSG 803	DNP Project Practicum II	3
Credits		7
Summer		
NSG 653	Psych Mental Health III	3
NSG 653L	PMH Practicum III	3
NSG 804	DNP Project Practicum III	2
Credits		8
Year 4		
Fall		
NSG 654	Psych Mental Health IV	3
NSG 654L	PMH Practicum IV	3
NSG 805	DNP Project Practicum IV	3
Credits		9
Spring		
NSG 808L	Final DNP Practicum PMHNP	6
Credits		6
Summer		
NSG 810L	DNP Project Practicum (if needed)	1
Credits		1
Total Credits		87

Course	Title	Credits
Total Lab Hours		90
Total PMHNP Practicum Hours		585
Total DNP Practicum Hours		540

Total Practicum Hours	1125
Total Program Credits	86

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. Complete the university requirements for a master's degree.
4. Complete an approved DNP Project.

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.

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