

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (RN TO MSN) IN PSYCHIATRIC-MENTAL HEALTH

Program Requirements

The RN to MSN program requires the completion of five "bridge" courses (15 credits) with a minimum GPA of 3.0 in order to progress to MSN-level course work.

RN to MSN

Bridge Courses

Code	Title	Hours
PHIL 301	Ethics	3
or PHIL 201	Philosophy of Human Nature	
NURS 320	Stats for Health Professions	3
NURS 406	Nursing Research	3
NURS 463	Community Health	3
NURS 464	Community Health Practicum	3
Total Hours		15

Graduate (MSN) Courses

Achievement of a grade of B or better is expected in graduate studies. Students who successfully complete the "bridge" courses with a minimum grade of "C" and achieve a minimum GPA of 3.0 progress directly to the Nursing Leadership in Healthcare MSN-level courses.

Required Core Courses for All MSN NP Tracks

All of the core courses are offered online and must be completed for each of the specialty NP tracks. These courses provide the theoretical foundation for role development and expose the students to concepts and issues that undergird all areas of advanced nursing practice. Courses include content in health policy analysis and development, information management, evidence-based practice, and leadership. Students in the Nursing Leadership in Healthcare track will complete a slightly different set of core courses as some of the content is built into their specialty courses, see below.

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 561	Information Technology and Data Management	3
NURS 562	Theory and Foundation of Healthcare Improvement	3
NURS 563	Evidence-Based Practice for Quality and Safety	3
NURS 564	Contemporary Healthcare Environment	3
NURS 565	Clinical Prevention for Diverse Populations	3
Total Hours		15

Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Track

47 Credits (Including Core)

This track prepares students to work as Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioners. They are prepared to provide the full range of services that comprise primary mental health care in diverse settings with a variety of clients/patients, to provide clinical and professional leadership, and facilitate system improvements. Their clinical practice focuses on persons of all ages with diagnosed psychiatric disorders and individuals, families, or populations at risk for mental illness. The PMHNP core courses are offered online. When students begin their practicum courses, they are required to participate in one on-campus immersion during each of the three practicum courses and two on-campus immersions when taking the Advanced Health Assessment course (for a total of five on-campus immersions). These immersions are two days in length. Students will have at least one site visit from a clinical faculty during each of the three specialty practicum courses. Additional site visits are arranged as needed. Students may only be admitted if they reside in one of these ten western states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, or Wyoming.

Code	Title	Hours
Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Core		
NURS 523	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURS 524	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NURS 600	Advanced Health Assessment	3
NURS 601	Advanced Health Assessment Practicum I	1
NURS 652M	Psych-Mental Health Nurse Concepts I	3
NURS 653M	Psych-Mental Health Nurse Concepts II	3
NURS 654M	Psych-Mental Health Nurse Concepts III	3
NURS 670	Psychopharmacology	3
Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Practicum (600 Hours)		
Select ten credits of the following:		10
NURS 661M	Psych-Mental Health Practicum I	
NURS 662M	Psych-Mental Health Practicum II	
NURS 663M	Psych-Mental Health Practicum III	
NURS 683M	Psych-Mental Health Practicum Extension (if needed)	
Total Hours		32