

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE IN THE FIELD OF PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER

The DNP: Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner option prepares graduates to function as doctorally prepared nurses at the highest level of clinical practice, to translate knowledge into practice, to apply policy, as well as design, implement and evaluate innovations to improve health care systems and patient centered outcomes.

This option offers registered nurses the opportunity to expand their scope of practice to include the care of individuals, families and groups with psychiatric and mental health needs.

Our lifespan curriculum is a synthesis of knowledge derived from nursing science, neuroscience, behavioral change theories, motivational theories, learning theories and other psychotherapeutic frameworks to provide a holistic perspective from which to assess, diagnose, treat, manage and evaluate acute and chronic mental illnesses.

You will learn about neuropsychopharmacology, interprofessional collaborative practice, crisis intervention, trauma-informed care, health policy, family systems theory, psychotherapy, group therapy, care of vulnerable populations, promotion of mental health and prevention of mental illness, substance use and co-occurring disorders, and other mental illnesses across the lifespan.

ADMISSIONS

Admission deadline: 6/1/2020

Recommendation: Two letters of recommendation

Prior academic records: Official transcripts (from all post-secondary schools)

Statement of Purpose: A personal statement describing your career goals relative to the doctoral study. You should include a general idea for your DNP project. Your vision for your post-DNP contributions to advance the nursing profession through scholarship and evidence-based practice must be emphasized in the statement. Also, briefly describe your professional nursing practice and indicate any current or previous leadership roles. The applicants with a clear idea of a potential DNP project and the ability of the project to enhance/improve/contribute to nursing practice will be given preference for admission.

Prerequisites: None

Additional Requirements: - Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from a regionally accredited college or university with a preferred minimum cumulative GPA of at least 3.3 on a 4.0 scale.

- Active and unencumbered nursing licensure

- Current resume

International Requirements: The minimum required score for the TOEFL is:

- Internet-based test: 100 or higher

- Paper test: 600 or higher

The minimum required score for the IELTS is:

- An overall band score of 7.0 Individual band scores of 6.0 or higher

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Admissions
45085 University Drive, Suite 201-T
Ashburn, VA 20147

Contact for questions:

nursing@gwu.edu ~ 571-553-0138 (phone)
<https://nursing.gwu.edu/admissions-aid> (<https://nursing.gwu.edu/admissions-aid/>)
9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 72 credits in required courses.

Code	Title	Credits
NURS 6208	Biostatistics for Health Care Research	
NURS 6220	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	
NURS 6222	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning	
NURS 6233	Genetics for Health Care Providers	
NURS 6234	Advanced Pharmacology for Nursing	
NURS 6242	Psychopharmacology	
NURS 6243	Addiction and Change	
NURS 6244	Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing with Families and Groups Across the Life Span	
NURS 6245	Psychiatric/Mental Health Diagnostic Assessment Across the Lifespan	
NURS 6246	Psychiatric/Mental Health Advanced Practice Nursing with Individuals Across the Life Span	

NURS 6247	Population-Based Psychiatric/Mental Health Advanced Practice Nursing Across the Life Span
NURS 6248	Integrated Application of Psychiatric/Mental Health Advanced Practice Nursing
NURS 8400	Epidemiology and Population Health
NURS 8401	Organizational Concepts in Nursing
NURS 8402	Knowledge Management in Nursing
NURS 8403	Translating Research into Practice
NURS 8405	Health Care Quality Improvement
NURS 8417	Health Policy and Analysis
NURS 8418	Health Care Economics, Finance, and Reimbursement
NURS 8419	Analytical Methods and Appraisal for Evidence-Based Practice
NURS 8489	DNP Project Scholarly Inquiry
NURS 8490	DNP Project Planning
NURS 8491	DNP Project Implementation
NURS 8492	DNP Project Evaluation and Dissemination