

## Master of Science in Nursing: Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN): Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) program consists of didactic and clinical course content essential to providing psychotherapy to individuals, families, and groups within hospital and community settings. The PMHNP program also provides the nurse with the necessary biopsychopharmacotherapeutic knowledge and skills regarding differential diagnosis, health promotion, and psychotropic medication (prescriptive authority) for the psychiatric mental health patient across the lifespan. The program can be completed in 2 years full-time with summer courses. A part-time program is available as well.

Cohorts are established annually in the Fall. Clinical placement is a collaborative process between the student and the faculty. Clinical experiences are scheduled at the convenience of the facility hosting the student. Upon successful completion of the program, the student will be eligible to take the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner examination.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate Application for admission along with a \$30 non-refundable application fee
- Earned BSN degree from CCNE or ACEN (previously NLNAC) accredited institution with minimum 3.0 GPA
- Unofficial transcripts for initial admission from all institutions of higher education previously attended
- Three references, one from previous faculty who can attest to academic ability, and two from individuals who can attest to clinical expertise
- Resume/C.V.
- Essay answering the following questions:
  - How will this degree advance your professional goals?
  - What is your research area of interest?
- 2,080 RN clinical work hours prior to specialty courses
- Copy of current RN license
- Interview with graduate nursing faculty may be required
- Successful completion of BSN courses in Physical Assessment, Introductory Statistics, and Community Nursing with a grade of “C” or better
- TOEFL score at acceptable level for Non-Native English Speakers
- Upon admission up-to-date immunizations and health records, a criminal background check, a urine drug screen, and a BCLS from AHA only will be required

### TRANSFER CREDITS

- Only grades of “B” or higher are transferable.
- A maximum of 12 credit hours are transferable.

### WHERE TO BEGIN

- Apply online now by visiting [www.su.edu/sonapp](http://www.su.edu/sonapp).

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The degree requirement is 51 semester hours. Clinical practicum is approximately 600 clock hours.

#### Revised Plan of Study – Pending University Approval

| Courses                                                | Credits |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Data Interpretation & Informatics                      | 3       |
| Theory, Research & Reasoning I                         | 3       |
| Theory, Research & Reasoning II                        | 3       |
| Advanced Pharmacology & Therapeutics                   | 3       |
| Advanced Health Promotion & Assessment Across Lifespan | 4       |
| Advanced Concepts in Physiology & Pathophysiology      | 3       |
| Advanced Practice Roles, Ethics & Policy               | 3       |
| Behavioral Neuroscience & Psychopharmacology           | 3       |
| Foundations of Psychotherapy                           | 3       |
| Management of Psychiatric Mental Health: Child & Adol. | 2/2*    |
| Management of Psychiatric Mental Health: Adult         | 2/2*    |
| Management of Psychiatric Mental Health: Geriatric     | 2       |
| Management of Complex Mental Health Across Lifespan.   | 2/2*    |
| Substance and Relationship Abuse                       | 3       |
| Advanced Nurse Practitioner Role Development           | 2       |
| Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Practicum           | 4       |

**Total** **51**

\* Denotes clinical course, 1 clinical course hour = 60 hours