

PSYCHIATRIC-MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER (Lifespan) (PMHNP)



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Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Lifespan) Curriculum Plan and Required Hours

Semester	Course Number and Name		Credit Hours	Didactic Clock Hours	Seminar Clock Hours	Clinical Clock Hours	Lab Clock Hours	Total Clock Hours
Fall	NURS 6022	Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology	4	56				56
	NURS 6013	Advanced Health Assessment	2	28				28
	NURS 6014	Advanced Health Assessment Lab	1				28	28
	NURS 6024	Advanced Pharmacology	3	42				42
	NURS 6045	Professional Formation I: Roles and Contexts for Advanced Nursing Practice	1	14				14
	NURS 7212	Models and Theories of Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	2	28				28
	NURS 7214	Diagnostic Reasoning for the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Part I)	2	28				28
	NURS 7215	Theoretical Foundations and Practicum for Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Across the Lifespan	1			70		70
	Semester Total			16	196	0	70	28
Spring	NURS 6055	Professional Formation II: Evidence Based Change in Healthcare Environments	3	42				42
	NURS 7205	Advanced Health Assessment Applications for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	1			70		70
	NURS 7221	Neuroscience for Mental Health Practitioners	3	42				42
	NURS 7222	Psychopharmacology	2	28				28
	NURS 7224	Diagnostic Reasoning for the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Part II)	1	14				14
	NURS 7225	Practicum in Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing with Individuals, Groups and Families	3			210		210
	Semester Total			13	126	0	280	0
Summer	NURS 6065	Professional Formation III: Leading Collaborative Change: Improving Delivery of Healthcare to Patients and Populations	4	42				42
	NURS 7231	Population-Based Mental Health Care Across the Lifespan	2	28				28
	NURS 7232	Advanced Psychopharmacology	2	28				28
	NURS 7294	Diagnostic Reasoning for the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Part III)	1	14				14
	NURS 7295	Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship	3			210		210
Semester Total			12	84	0	210	0	294
Program Total			41	406	0	560	28	994
				434				1,022

Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Lifespan) 2-Year, Part-Time Curriculum Plan

Semester	Course Number and Name		Credit Hours
Fall 1	NURS 6022	Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology	4
	NURS 6024	Advanced Pharmacology	3
	NURS 6045	Professional Formation I: Roles and Contexts for Advanced Nursing Practice	1
Spring 1	NURS 6055	Professional Formation II: Evidence Based Change in Healthcare Environments	3
	NURS 7221	Neuroscience for Mental Health Practitioners	3
	NURS 7222	Psychopharmacology	2

Summer 1	NURS 6065	Professional Formation III: Leading Collaborative Change: Improving Delivery of Healthcare to Patients and Populations	4
	NURS 7232	Advanced Psychopharmacology	2
Fall 2	NURS 6013	Advanced Health Assessment	2
	NURS 6014	Advanced Health Assessment Lab	1
	NURS 7212	Models and Theories of Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	2
	NURS 7214	Diagnostic Reasoning for the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Part I)	2
	NURS 7215	Theoretical Foundations and Practicum for Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Across the Lifespan	1
Spring 2	NURS 7205	Advanced Health Assessment Applications for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	1
	NURS 7224	Diagnostic Reasoning for the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Part II)	1
	NURS 7225	Practicum in Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing with Individuals, Groups and Families	3
Summer 2	NURS 7231	Population-Based Mental Health Care Across the Lifespan	2
	NURS 7294	Diagnostic Reasoning for the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Part III)	1
	NURS 7295	Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship	3
Total Hours			41

MSN in Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Lifespan) Post Master's Certificate Option

Semester	Course Number and Name		Credit Hours
Fall	NURS 6022	Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology	4
	NURS 6013	Advanced Health Assessment	2
	NURS 6014	Advanced Health Assessment Lab	1
	NURS 6024	Advanced Pharmacology	3
	NURS 7212	Models and Theories of Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	2
	NURS 7214	Diagnostic Reasoning for the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Part I)	2
	NURS 7215	Theoretical Foundations and Practicum for Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Across the Lifespan	1
Spring	NURS 7205	Advanced Health Assessment Applications for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	1
	NURS 7221	Neuroscience for Mental Health Practitioners	3
	NURS 7222	Psychopharmacology	2
	NURS 7224	Diagnostic Reasoning for the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Part II)	1
	NURS 7225	Practicum in Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing with Individuals, Groups and Families	3
Summer	NURS 7231	Population-Based Mental Health Care Across the Lifespan	2
	NURS 7232	Advanced Psychopharmacology	2
	NURS 7294	Diagnostic Reasoning for the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Part III)	1
	NURS 7295	Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship	3
Total Hours			33

• Sample only. All admitted post-master's students will have an individualized curriculum plan based on a gap analysis complete by the Academic Director of the program. As part of the post-master's certificate (PMC) application <https://apply.vanderbilt.edu/apply/>, all applicants are required to provide syllabi for previous master's level courses in advanced health assessment, advanced pathophysiology and advanced pharmacology. Whether or not a PMC student needs to retake one or all of these courses is determined based on the guidelines below:

- APRN certified PMC applicants/students who have previously taken an equivalent Advanced Health Assessment, Advanced Pathophysiology, and Advanced Pharmacology, and have maintained certification (reported on the application), will not be required to repeat these courses. Course equivalency will be determined by syllabi review.
- Non-APRN certified PMC applicants/students will be required to take VUSN Advanced Health Assessment, Advanced Pathophysiology, and Advanced Pharmacology courses unless they satisfy requirements specified in item c.
- If a non-APRN certified student has previously taken one or more of these three courses in the last 5 years (5 years or less at the time of matriculation) the student must provide the syllabi to be reviewed for equivalency. If the course is determined to be equivalent to the VUSN course, was taken within the last 5 years and the grade earned was a B- or higher, the course may be waived.

Note: Determination of equivalency does not mean that VUSN transfer credit has been awarded. Equivalent courses will not appear on the VU transcript.

MSN in Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner with Nurse Foundation* Post Master's Certificate Option

Semester	Course Number and Name		Credit Hours
Fall	NURS 7212	Models and Theories of Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	2
	NURS 7214	Diagnostic Reasoning for the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Part I)	2
	NURS 7215	Theoretical Foundations and Practicum for Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Across the Lifespan	1

Spring	NURS 7221	Neuroscience for Mental Health Practitioners	3
	NURS 7222	Psychopharmacology	2
	NURS 7224	Diagnostic Reasoning for the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Part II)	1
	NURS 7225	Practicum in Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing with Individuals, Groups and Families	3
Summer			
	NURS 7231	Population-Based Mental Health Care Across the Lifespan	2
	NURS 7232	Advanced Psychopharmacology	2
	NURS 7294	Diagnostic Reasoning for the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Part III)	1
	NURS 7295	Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship	3
Total Hours			22
*Course of Studies individualized based on portfolio review and Gap Analysis. Sample for applicants with Nurse Practitioner background but no psychiatric-mental health course work.			