

PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER (PMHN TRACK), BSN TO DNP DEGREE

The Psychiatric Mental Health Track is a 77-credit hour graduate nursing curriculum preparing registered nurses to deliver a variety of therapy modalities and support services and prescribe medications for patients with mental health disorders and substance misuse. Emphasis is on utilizing evidence to develop holistic treatment plans and support that are specific to each client's psychiatric needs. This is an online program with four required virtual and on-campus immersions. The track utilizes a variety of clinical settings to include inpatient, outpatient, and group experiences, among others. The program of study conforms to educational guidelines from the Texas Board of Nursing, the Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice (AACN, 2021), the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF), and National Taskforce on Quality Nurse Practitioner Education. (NTF, 2022) Graduates of the track are eligible to sit for the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner certification exam offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)

APRN DNP/Psychiatric Mental Health Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
NUR 5281	(NUR 5281::Psychopathology)	
NUR 5383	(NUR 5383::Psychopharmacology & Neurobiology)	
NUR 5282	(NUR 5282::Psychiatric Mental Health NP Management 1)	
NUR 5284	(NUR 5284::Psychiatric Mental Health NP Management I: Practicum)	
NUR 5285	(NUR 5285::Theoretical, Conceptual, and Clinical Models of Mental Health Care)	
NUR 5392	(NUR 5392::Psychiatric Mental Health NP Management II: Complex Psychiatric Management Across the Life Span)	
NUR 5393	(NUR 5393::Psychiatric Mental Health NP Management II: Practicum)	
NUR 5394	(NUR 5394::Psychiatric Mental Health NP Management III:Complex Psychiatric Management Across the Life Span)	
NUR 5387	(NUR 5387::Psychiatric Mental Health NP Management II: Practicum)	
NUR 5291	(NUR 5291::Psychiatric Mental Health Residency)	

Sample Curriculum Plan for APRN DNP/Psychiatric Mental Health - Fall Start

Year 1		
Fall Trimester		Hours
NUR 5349	Global Healthcare and Missions	3
NUR 6316	Transforming Health Care Organizations and Changing Outcomes	3

NUR 5312	The Roles and Business of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)	3
Hours		9
Spring Trimester		
NUR 5209	Theoretical Concepts for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse	2
NUR 5201	Introduction to Statistical Methods	2
NUR 5211	Servant Leadership and Advanced Practice Nursing	2
NUR 5351	Advanced Pharmacology	3
Hours		9
Summer Trimester		
NUR 5332	Advanced Human Pathophysiology	3
NUR 5314	Scientific Inquiry	3
NUR 6373	Clinical Epidemiology	3
Hours		9
Year 2		
Fall Trimester		
NUR 5354	Advanced Health Assessment/Promotion/ Disease Prevention	3
NUR 5281	NUR 5281::Psychopathology	2
NUR 5383	NUR 5383::Psychopharmacology & Neurobiology	3
Hours		8
Spring Trimester		
NUR 6377	Policy and Implications for Health	3
NUR 5282	NUR 5282::Psychiatric Mental Health NP Management 1	2
NUR 5284	NUR 5284::Psychiatric Mental Health NP Management I: Practicum	2
NUR 5285	NUR 5285::Theoretical, Conceptual, and Clinical Models of Mental Health Care	2
Hours		9
Summer Trimester		
NUR 5280	Health Informatics and Innovations in Technology	2
NUR 5392	NUR 5392::Psychiatric Mental Health NP Management II: Complex Psychiatric Management Across the Life Span	3
NUR 5393	NUR 5393::Psychiatric Mental Health NP Management II: Practicum	3
Hours		8
Year 3		
Fall Trimester		
NUR 5394	NUR 5394::Psychiatric Mental Health NP Management III:Complex Psychiatric Management Across the Life Span	3
NUR 5387	NUR 5387::Psychiatric Mental Health NP Management II: Practicum	3
NUR 6375	Translational Science	3
Hours		9
Spring Trimester		
NUR 5291	NUR 5291::Psychiatric Mental Health Residency	2

NUR 63C1	DNP Project I	3
NUR 6110	Data Management for the Advanced Practice Nurse	1
Hours		6
Summer Trimester		
NUR 6V76	Advanced Practice Nursing Residency	3
NUR 61C2	DNP Project II	1
NUR 6272	Applied Ethics for Advanced Practice Nursing	2
Hours		6
Year 4		
Fall Trimester		
NUR 6V76	Advanced Practice Nursing Residency	2
NUR 62C3	DNP Project III	2
Hours		4
Total Hours		77