

PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER

About

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner pathway is designed to prepare skilled Nurse Practitioners to provide a full range of primary mental health care services across the lifespan. Graduates of this program are registered nurses with advanced education who are able to assess, make diagnoses, manage health care, prescribe medicines, and evaluate care for persons who have mental illness and co-occurring disorders.

The NP pathway a 2-year full-time and 3-year part-time options to fit the schedules of working nurses. Many classes are offered online but there are on-campus learning requirements in some classes. On-campus learning consists of standardized patient visits, labs with clinical skills and physical assessments, and objective structured clinical exams. For additional information about this program, please contact nursing@ouhsc.edu.

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner curriculum prepares graduates to apply for and sit for the American Nurses Credentialing Center Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner certification exam.

Residency requirements: Clinical Rotations will be performed in the state of Oklahoma. Due to federal regulations from the Department of Education, the College of Nursing currently accepts applications for its online doctoral degree programs from residents of the states participating in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA). A list of participating states can be found at: <http://nc-sara.org/sara-states-institutions>. Applicants are encouraged to check with their local State Boards of Nursing regarding any specific professional licensure requirements prior to applying or enrolling.

Cost

It is the student's responsibility to ensure they are enrolled in the prescribed courses and to pay tuition and fees at the time designated by the Bursar's Office. Details regarding tuition/fee charges and collection are available from the Bursar's Office.

Application Process

Step 1

Complete the NursingCAS application

- Undergraduate programs: \$60 for the first program; \$45 for each additional program
- Graduate programs: \$80 for the first program; \$50 for each additional program

Step 2

Complete the OUHSC Supplemental application

- Undergraduate and Graduate programs: \$75 application fee
- Applicants are advised to have a copy of their transcript from every College or University attended available as reference when completing the application process.

Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
Clinical Science Core Courses		
PATH 5503	Applied Principles of Pathology	3
NURS 7043	Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nurses	3
NURS 7153	Advanced Physical/Health Assessment & Diagnostic Reasoning	3
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Pathway Courses		
NURS 7303	Role of the Psych/Mental Health NP in Health Promotion & Disease Prevention	3
NURS 7313	Advanced Psychiatric Nursing Assessment Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 7323	Neurobiology and Psychopharmacology for the Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner	3
NURS 7302	Systems Interventions for Individuals and Groups for the APN	2
NURS 7312	Systems Interventions for Individuals and Groups for the APN Practicum (128 clinical hours)	2
NURS 7333	Clinical Psychiatric Diagnostics & Management of Adults and Geriatrics	3
NURS 7304	Clinical Psychiatric Diagnostics & Mgmt Adults & Geriatrics Practicum (256 clinical hours)	4
NURS 7343	Clinical Psychiatric Diagnostics & Management of Pediatrics and Adolescents	3
NURS 7314	Clinical Psychiatric Diagnostics & Mgmt Peds and Adolescent Practicum (256 clinical hours)	4

Prerequisite Courses

Code	Title	Hours
	Undergraduate Nursing Research	
	General Statistics	

Prerequisite Requirements

- Successful completion of a Master of Science in Nursing from a regionally accredited institution.
- Current license to practice as a Registered Nurse.
- Completion of a research methodology course with a grade of "C" or better.
- Completion of a graduate or undergraduate general statistics course.
- An overall GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for the last 60 hours of academic credit.
- Submission of three recommendation letters.