

PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER (DNP)

The Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner track of the DNP program is designed to prepare graduates to conduct psychiatric mental health evaluations and advanced health assessment and histories, develop therapeutic rapport with clients and families, promote mental health, develop and implement mental health treatment plans including medication management and counseling and provide leadership in interprofessional team management of clients with psychiatric and mental health conditions.

Curriculum

The Psychiatric Mental Health NP program is a blended format with both online and in-person instruction, including Immersion weekends at Loyola's Health Sciences Campus. Many students are working professionals with families, so we offer both part-time and full-time options to fit your schedule.

With our rigorous curriculum and significant number of credit and clinical hours, we seek to prepare you to successfully take the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) certification board in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Across the Lifespan).

The DNP can be completed in 72 credit hours or about four to five years.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
GNUR 404	Theories & Concepts for Advanced Clinical Practice	3
GNUR 405	Introductory Statistics for Healthcare Professionals	3
GNUR 407	Social Justice and Ethics in Health Care	3
GNUR 408	Research for Advanced Clinical Practice	3
GNUR 420	Leadership and Roles in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
GNUR 521	Population-Focused Health	3
GNUR 523	Health Care Policy and Economics	3
GNUR 545	Evidence Translation for Advanced Clinical Practice	3
GNUR 570	DNP Scholarly Project: Planning	1
GNUR 571	DNP Scholarly Project: Proposal and Pre-Implementation	2
GNUR 572	DNP Scholarly Project: Project Implementation	2
GNUR 573	DNP Scholarly Project: Analysis and Dissemination	1
Role (NP) Courses		
GNUR 413	Advanced Pharmacology	3
GNUR 425	Advanced Health Assessment Across the LifeSpan	4
GNUR 442	Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology	3
GNUR 476	Basic Diagnostics for Advanced Practice	2
GNUR 529	Family-Focused Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	3
Population (Psychiatric Mental Health) Courses		

GNUR 436	Psychiatric Mental Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	2
GNUR 451	Psychopharmacology Across the Lifespan	3
GNUR 456	Psychotherapeutics Individuals Groups Families	3
GNUR 472	Psychiatric Mental Health Advanced Practice Across Lifespan I	3
GNUR 474	Psychiatric Mental Health Advanced Practice Across Lifespan II	3
Practicum		
GNUR 482	Psychiatric Mental Health Advanced Practice Nursing Practicum	2-3

Clinical Experience

DNP students are required to complete practicums that focus on acquiring the advanced skills and knowledge to meet the competencies to practice as a psychiatric mental health NP. Faculty design clinical rotations and place students with preceptors. Loyola maintains academic-practice partnerships throughout the Chicago metropolitan area with a focus on working in underserved communities.

An RN license and a minimum of 2,000 hours of recent clinical nursing experience in psychiatric mental health is required before beginning your first practicum.

Graduate & Professional Standards and Regulations

Students in graduate and professional programs can find their Academic Policies in Graduate and Professional Academic Standards and Regulations (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional-academic-standards-regulations/>) under their school. Any additional University Policies supersede school policies.

Learning Outcomes

PROGRAM GOAL

The goal of the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program is to prepare nurses to assume advanced roles in direct care and systems leadership domains at the highest level of nursing to improve health care outcomes through practice-based scholarship.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

At the completion of the DNP program, the graduate has the knowledge and skills to:

- Apply integrated scientific, knowledge and clinical judgements at the highest level of professional nursing practice.
- Evaluate health care delivery approaches and healthcare systems, with an emphasis on quality and safety.
- Apply best evidence in approaches to client and system-centered practices.
- Apply analytic approaches and information technology in the delivery and improvement of client-centered health care and health care systems.
- Employ ethics, leadership, and advocacy concepts to advance healthcare quality and equity for individuals, systems and populations.
- Implement intraprofessional and interprofessional leadership and collaboration competencies and methods, at the highest level

of professional nursing practice in advancing health and health outcomes.