PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER WITH SUBSTANCE USE AND ADDICTIONS SPECIALTY (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 included medication management and counseling and provide leadership in interprofessional team management of clients with psychiatric and mental health conditions.

The Substance Use and Addiction specialty preparation is focused on the comprehensive diagnosis and treatment of substance use disorders and the impact of these disorders on psychiatric mental health and treatment options. Students complete additional coursework and practicum experiences with a specific focus on substance use and addiction.

Curriculum

The Psychiatric Mental Health NP with Substance Use and Addictions specialty is offered in a hybrid learning format with both online and in-person instruction.

Credit Hours

73 credit hours

Courses

Students pursuing the Substance Use and Addictions specialty will take the following courses in addition to their DNP coursework:

Core Courses

- Theories & Concepts for Advanced Clinical Practice
- Research for Advanced Clinical Practice
- Population Focused Health
- Leadership and Roles in Advanced Nursing Practice
- Health Care Policy and Economics
- Social Justice and Ethics in Health Care
- Statistics for Healthcare Professionals
- Evidence Translation for Advanced Clinical Practice
- DNP Scholarly Project

Role (NP) Courses

- Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan
- Advanced Pharmacology
- Advanced Pathophysiology
- Basic diagnostics for advanced practice
- Family Focused Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

Population (Psychiatric Mental Health) Courses

- Psychiatric Mental Health Assessment Across the Lifespan
- Psychopharmacology Across the Lifespan
- Psychotherapeutic Modalities for Individuals, Groups, and Families

Substance Use and Addictions Specialty Courses:

- Advanced Practice Nursing of Clients with Substance Use and Addictive Disorders Across the Lifespan I and II

Practicum

- Psychiatric Mental Health Advanced Practice Nursing Practicum
- Psychiatric Mental Health Substance Use and Addictive Disorders Practicum

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.