

# PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER, POST- GRADUATE UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATE

## General Information

The School of Nursing offers Post-Graduate Certificates in Rural Family Nurse Practitioner and Rural Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, for nurses who have completed a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree or higher and who wish to obtain a second nursing specialty. The number of credit hours required for completion varies by specialty. All MSN policies apply to the Post-Graduate Certificate students.

## Program Outcomes

1. Demonstrate the synthesis of expert knowledge for advanced nursing practice in diverse populations.
2. Evaluate nursing and interprofessional theory and evidence-based practice for their contributions to advanced nursing practice and professional role development.
3. Provide leadership in the appraisal and improvement of healthcare and healthcare delivery.
4. Use systematic methods to design, implement, and evaluate evidence-based advanced nursing practice.
5. Participate in organizational and political systems to influence healthcare and healthcare delivery.
6. Communicate, collaborate, and consult with clients, nurses, and other professionals to meet healthcare needs of individuals and populations.
7. Actively demonstrate the advanced nursing practice role.
8. Integrate ethical and legal principles in advanced nursing practice.

## Admission Requirements

Minimum requirements for admission to the program include:

1. Admission to the Graduate School.
2. A Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) or Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree from a nationally-accredited program.
3. Unencumbered Registered Nurse (RN) license from an approved state.

Admission is competitive and limited to available space. In addition to the above criteria, consideration is also given to the student's Professional Statement submitted with the Graduate School application and the three required professional references.

Please refer to the School of Nursing website at <https://nursing.eku.edu/masters-degree-programs> (<https://nursing.eku.edu/masters-degree-programs/>) for specific information on the application process for admission and progression plans for study, or contact the School of Nursing at (859) 622-1827 for information on the application process for admission.

## Progression Policy

To progress, students must complete all required course work with a grade of "B" or higher and must complete any pre-requisite courses before advancing to the next course. Students who fail to meet the requirements for progression must apply for readmission. Readmission to a nursing course is not guaranteed to any student. Please refer to the Student Handbook for specific information on readmission procedures. The program reserves the right to alter the suggested plan as necessary to enhance a quality educational program.

## Program Requirements

CIP Code: 51.3810

| Code  | Title                               | Hours     |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Nurse Practitioner Concentration Prerequisites</b> |                                     |           |
| NSC 830   | Advanced Pharmacology               |           |
| NSC 832   | Advanced Health Assessment          |           |
| NSC 834   | Advanced Pathophysiology            |           |
| <b>Certificate Requirements</b>                       |                                     |           |
| NSC 880   | Rural PMHNP I                       | 3         |
| NSC 881   | Applied Psychopharmacology          | 3         |
| NSC 882   | Rural PMHNP II                      | 3         |
| NSC 884   | Rural PMHNP III                     | 3         |
| NSC 886   | Rural PMHNP Internship              | 5         |
| NSC 800   | Advanced Practice Role <sup>1</sup> | 8         |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                                    |                                     | <b>25</b> |

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Concurrent enrollment with NSC 880 Rural PMHNP I, NSC 882 Rural PMHNP II, NSC 884 Rural PMHNP III for a total of 8 hours.