

FAMILY PSYCHIATRIC/ MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER, CERTIFICATE

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| NURS 670 | Family Psychiatric Mental Health NP. Role Synthesis | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 26 |

This post-master's certificate program is designed for the non-psychiatric primary and acute care Nurse Practitioner who is looking to enhance their knowledge and skill set to effectively care for individuals with complex psychiatric and mental health needs across the lifespan. The program is designed to prepare participants to sit for the ANCC certification examination for Family Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioners.

This certificate offers the opportunity to augment your master's degree with additional nursing specialty area knowledge and skills. The necessary coursework needed is dependent upon the coursework that was completed in your previous master's degree. A gap analysis will be completed to identify the specific courses that will be needed to complete this certificate.

Admission Requirements

- Current unrestricted State of Ohio RN license.
- Hold an MSN degree from a professionally accredited nursing program (clinical Master's required).
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for MSN program.
- Minimum of 2-3 years recent clinical experience as a nurse practitioner.
- Application to The University of Akron Graduate School.
- 300 word essay describing professional goals.
- Resume outlining prior education and work related experiences.
- Three letters of reference from a recent employer, an APRN co-worker, a former faculty member.
- Completion of the following prerequisite courses: graduate level pathophysiology, advanced assessment, advanced clinical pharmacology.
- Interview with Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner faculty.

Required Courses

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| NURS 611 | Advanced Mental Health Assessment Across the Lifespan | 3 |
| NURS 660 | Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner I | 2 |
| NURS 661 | Psychiatric Mental Health, APN I | 3 |
| NURS 662 | Clinical Psychopharmacology | 3 |
| NURS 697 | Psychiatric Disorders Across Lifespan and Group Modalities Practicum | 2 |
| NURS 698 | Psychiatric Disorders Across the Lifespan and Group Modalities | 3 |
| NURS 615 | Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner: Child/Family | 3 |
| NURS 689 | Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner: Child/Family Practicum | 2 |
| NURS 669 | Family Psychiatric Mental Health NP. Role Synthesis Practicum | 2 |