**FAMILY PSYCHIATRIC/MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER TRACK, MSN**

### Expected Outcomes of the Program
- Applies scientific theories and research to implement the advanced nursing role
- Demonstrates competence according to national standards and guidelines in the advanced nursing role
- Demonstrates knowledge of legal, ethical, fiscal, policy, and leadership issues that impact the delivery of health care in the advanced nursing role
- Demonstrates knowledge of legal, ethical, fiscal, policy, and leadership issues that impact the advancement of the nursing profession in the advanced nursing role
- Identifies researchable nursing problems and contributes to research studies for advanced nursing and health care practice

### Admission
- Baccalaureate degree in nursing program accredited by the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. A baccalaureate degree in nursing from a foreign institution must be recognized by The University of Akron.
- 3.00 GPA on a 4.00 scale for BSN and all previous nursing degrees.
- Three letters of reference from a recent employer; a member of the nursing profession; a former faculty member.
- 300-word essay describing professional goals.
- Current unrestricted State of Ohio Registered Nurse license.
- Interview prior to admission to the program.

Applicants for the clinical tracks are required to have a minimum of 12 months registered nurse experience current within the last five years. The RN experience must be relevant to the area of interest.

### Admission Procedures
The student should access the online graduate application through the Graduate School webpage. Questions regarding admissions may be directed to the School of Nursing Graduate Program Office (330) 972-7555.

The School of Nursing Graduate Admission and Progression Committee and the Assistant Director of Graduate Programs will review and make decisions for applications. The admit decision will be sent to the Graduate School. Applicants will receive notification of the admission decision via an e-letter from the Graduate School and a letter from the Assistant Director of Graduate Programs will review and make decisions for applications. The admit decision will be sent to the School of Nursing. Applicants will receive notification of the admission decision via an e-letter from the Graduate School and a letter from the Assistant Director of Graduate Programs and mental health nurse practitioner (FPMHNP).

### Instructional Program
The Master of Science in Nursing curriculum includes a minimum of 30 credit hours of study depending on the specialty track. The advanced practice tracks include Adult/Gerontological Health Nursing, Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing, Child and Adolescent Health Nursing, and Nurse Anesthesia. Graduates are prepared for advanced practice as nurse practitioners or nurse anesthetists. The curriculum is based on theory and research both in nursing and in related disciplines. It provides the foundation for doctoral study and for ongoing professional development.

Program Specific Requirement:
3470:661 Statistics for Life Sciences or equivalent graduate level statistics course. Receives no credit toward the degree.

### Nursing Core
The curriculum consists of a core of 14 credit hours. These courses encompass advanced theory, evidence-based practice, information management in nursing, health policy, and pathophysiological concepts. Core courses are required of all students.

Note: Students are required to obtain a 'B-' or better in any given course in order to progress in the program while maintaining good academic standing.

#### Code Title Hours
8200:603 Theoretical Basis for Nursing 3
8200:606 Information Management in Advanced Nursing Practice 3
8200:607 Policy Issues in Nursing 2
8200:608 Pathophysiological Concepts of Nursing Care 3
8200:619 Principles of Evidence Based Practice 3

Total Hours 14

### Additional Requirements
The following courses must be completed before starting the Family Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner track courses:

#### Code Title Hours
8200:608 Pathophysiological Concepts of Nursing Care 3
8200:610 Advanced Health Assessment 3
8200:650 Advanced Pediatric/Adolescent Assessment 3

### Family Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Track
The Family Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner track (26 credit hours) provides the educational preparation necessary to provide primary mental healthcare at an advanced level to individuals of all ages and families. Preparation as a Psychiatric Family Nurse Practitioner is emphasized and includes clinical supervision of individuals and families, differential diagnosis and management of psychiatric and mental health disorders, medication management, psychotherapeutic interventions, and case management. Graduates of the Family Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner track are eligible to sit for certification from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) as a Family Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (FPMHNP).

Note: Students are required to obtain a 'B-' or better in any given course in order to progress in the program while maintaining good academic standing.

Courses required to progress in the Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner track:
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