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Post Master Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) Course Descriptions

***NU 820 Advanced Pathophysiology (3)**

Focuses on application of basic pathophysiologic concepts to situations found in ambulatory care with clients across the life-span. Emphasis is given to analysis of presenting manifestations with the intent to determine cause. Provides a foundation for clinical decision-making in terms of diagnostic findings and the initiation of therapeutic regimens. Application situations will be age-specific and clinical diagnosis and management must be made accordingly.

***NU 822 Advanced Pharmacology (3)**

Emphasizes application of selected drug therapies to meet the needs of adults and children (birth to age 18) from diverse cultural groups. Basic concepts of qualitative and quantitative drug actions within the body are examined. Use of protocols, prescription writing and ethical, legal and economic issues surrounding the advanced nurse's role in prescribing and monitoring pharmacotherapies is addressed. Patient education and adherence are addressed. Application is made through age-appropriate case studies.

***NU 824 Advanced Health Assessment and Differential Diagnosis (4)**

Emphasizes the knowledge and skills necessary for advanced health assessment of adults and families in acute care and community settings. Systematic holistic approach to both history-taking and physical examination for the purpose of differentiating normal from abnormal assessments to promote health and prevent disease in those settings. Interpretation of diagnostics is emphasized.

NU 826 Advanced Psychiatric Interviewing and Differential Diagnosis (2)

Advanced psychiatric interviewing skills are developed for competent assessment of culturally diverse clients across the life span and provides the basis for diagnosis of psychiatric disorders.

NU 828 Advanced Psychopharmacology and Neurobiology (3)

Neurobiological processes are emphasized in the study of advanced psychopharmacological treatment of psychiatric symptoms and disorders. Medication selection, dosage and monitoring in the psychopharmacological treatment of individuals is covered including prescriptive issues associated with ethnicity and age.

NU 857 Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Practicum: (1-6)

Provides opportunities for direct practice experiences with individuals, families, and groups and role development of the advanced practice psychiatric nurse. Students engage in activities involving assessment, diagnosis, and interventions including psychopharmacologic and psychotherapeutic skills in working with individuals experiencing short-term, commonly occurring, complex, chronic psychiatric illnesses, and addictions.

NU 859 Advanced Practice Psychiatric Specialty Focus Practicum (1-3)

Provides opportunities for the student to focus on skill building in a particular practice setting or client population of interest as well as the synthesis of knowledge into this advanced practice role. In this final practicum, students function in the role of the advanced psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner providing psychopharmacological and psychotherapy interventions.

NU 860 Special Topics in Advanced Psychiatric Nursing of Children and Adolescence (1)

Designed to enhance students' knowledge of current evidence-based psychotherapeutic approaches in treatment of children and adolescents.

*Based on Gap Analysis of transcripts.

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