

# NURSING PRACTICE (D.N.P.) - PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER (POST B.S.N.)

**Important:** This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2025 through summer 2026. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
NURS 700	Advanced Nursing Research <sup>1</sup>	3
NURS 715	Theoretical Application for Advanced Practice Nursing <sup>2</sup>	3
NURS 716	Applications of Evidence-Based Care <sup>1</sup>	3
NURS 718	Informatics, Technology and Trends for Transforming Health Care <sup>1</sup>	3
NURS 721	Leadership, Policy and Ethics <sup>1</sup>	3
NURS 732	Interprofessional Collaboration and Outcomes Management for Quality in Health Care <sup>1</sup>	3
NURS 832	Clinical Prevention and Biostatistics <sup>1,3</sup>	3
NURS 834	Health Care Operations and Financial Management <sup>1</sup>	3
NURS 836	Translational Research in Health Care <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>27</b>

<sup>1</sup> Course offered in online format

<sup>2</sup> Intensive format optional

<sup>3</sup> NURS 832 requires a graduate level Biostatistical course as a prerequisite. HLTH 501 will meet this requirement, if needed.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Advanced Practice Core Courses</b>		
NURS 711	Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology <sup>1,2</sup>	3
NURS 712	Advanced Health Assessment for Nurse Practitioners <sup>1,2,3</sup>	3
NURS 713	Advanced Pharmacology for Nurse Practitioners <sup>1,2</sup>	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Course offered in online format

<sup>2</sup> Course offered in resident format

<sup>3</sup> Practicum hours required

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration</b>		
NURS 742	Nursing Seminar: Issues in Global Health <sup>1</sup>	2
NURS 751	Neurobiology and Differential Diagnosis of Mental Disorders <sup>2</sup>	3
NURS 752	Clinical Psychopharmacology <sup>2</sup>	3
NURS 753	Psychotherapeutic Theories, Frameworks, and Modalities <sup>2</sup>	3

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 768	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Practicum I Adult/Gero <sup>2,3</sup>	4
NURS 769	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Practicum II Pediatrics/Family <sup>2,3</sup>	5
NURS 821	Comprehensive Exam: Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner <sup>2,4</sup>	0
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>20</b>

<sup>1</sup> Course offered in online format

<sup>2</sup> Synchronous virtual class time

<sup>3</sup> Practicum hours required

<sup>4</sup> This exam is specific for Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner students and cannot be replaced by NURS 820

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Elective Course</b>		
Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>3</b>

<sup>1</sup> Choose any 700-900 level course not already applying to the degree

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Gate Courses</b>		
NURS 756	School of Nursing Gate 1 PMHNP-Post BSN	0
NURS 757	School of Nursing Gate 2 PMHNP-Post BSN	0
NURS 828	School of Nursing DNP Practicum Gate	0
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>0</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Project and Practicum Courses</b>		
NURS 840	DNP Practicum I <sup>1,2</sup>	2
NURS 841	DNP Practicum II <sup>1,2</sup>	2
NURS 842	DNP Practicum III <sup>1,2</sup>	2
NURS 843	DNP Practicum IV <sup>1,2</sup>	2
NURS 844	DNP Practicum V <sup>1,2,3</sup>	2
NURS 947	Scholarly Project Planning <sup>4</sup>	1
NURS 948	Scholarly Project I <sup>4</sup>	1
NURS 949	Scholarly Project II <sup>4</sup>	1
NURS 950	Scholarly Project Defense <sup>4</sup>	1
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>14</b>

<sup>1</sup> Practicum hours required

<sup>2</sup> Synchronous virtual class time

<sup>3</sup> NURS 844 may be repeated in order to allow the student more time to complete the required practicum hours. Students are able to re-enroll with the approval of the Nursing Department and enrollment must not exceed four times.

<sup>4</sup> Course offered in online format

*All applicable prerequisites must be met*

## Graduation Requirements

- Complete 73 hours
- A maximum of 50% of a post-graduate and doctoral degree may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- 3.0 GPA
- No grades lower than B may be applied to the degree
- Successful completion of Comprehensive Exam
- Successful completion of 1064 Practicum hours
- Degree must be completed within 5 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

## Program Offered in Online Format

## Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
NURS 700	Advanced Nursing Research <sup>1</sup>	3
NURS 711	Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology	3
NURS 715	Theoretical Application for Advanced Practice Nursing <sup>2</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
NURS 712	Advanced Health Assessment for Nurse Practitioners <sup>1,2,3</sup>	3
NURS 713	Advanced Pharmacology for Nurse Practitioners	3
NURS 718	Informatics, Technology and Trends for Transforming Health Care <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Third Semester</b>		
NURS 716	Applications of Evidence-Based Care <sup>1</sup>	3
NURS 721	Leadership, Policy and Ethics <sup>1</sup>	3
NURS 732	Interprofessional Collaboration and Outcomes Management for Quality in Health Care <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fourth Semester</b>		
NURS 751	Neurobiology and Differential Diagnosis of Mental Disorders <sup>4</sup>	3
NURS 752	Clinical Psychopharmacology <sup>4</sup>	2
NURS 753	Psychotherapeutic Theories, Frameworks, and Modalities <sup>4</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>Fifth Semester</b>		
NURS 742	Nursing Seminar: Issues in Global Health <sup>1</sup>	2
NURS 768	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Practicum I Adult/Gero <sup>3,4</sup>	4
NURS 832	Clinical Prevention and Biostatistics <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Sixth Semester</b>		
NURS 769	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Practicum II Pediatrics/Family <sup>3,4</sup>	5
NURS 821	Comprehensive Exam: Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner <sup>4,5</sup>	0
NURS 836	Translational Research in Health Care <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Seventh Semester</b>		
NURS 834	Health Care Operations and Financial Management <sup>1</sup>	3
NURS 840	DNP Practicum I <sup>3,4</sup>	2
NURS 947	Scholarly Project Planning <sup>1</sup>	1
Nursing Elective <sup>6</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Eighth Semester</b>		
NURS 841	DNP Practicum II <sup>3,4</sup>	2
NURS 842	DNP Practicum III <sup>3,4</sup>	2
NURS 948	Scholarly Project I <sup>1</sup>	1
NURS 949	Scholarly Project II <sup>1</sup>	1
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Ninth Semester</b>		
NURS 843	DNP Practicum IV <sup>3,4</sup>	2
NURS 844	DNP Practicum V <sup>3,4,7</sup>	2
NURS 950	Scholarly Project Defense <sup>1</sup>	1
<b>Hours</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>72</b>

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<sup>2</sup> Intensive Format Optional

<sup>3</sup> Practicum hours required

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