

NURSING PRACTICE (D.N.P.) - PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER (POST M.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
Core Courses		
NURS 700	Advanced Nursing Research ¹	3
NURS 715	Theoretical Application for Advanced Practice Nursing ¹	3
NURS 716	Applications of Evidence-Based Care ¹	3
NURS 718	Informatics, Technology and Trends for Transforming Health Care ¹	3
NURS 721	Leadership, Policy and Ethics ¹	3
NURS 732	Interprofessional Collaboration and Outcomes Management for Quality in Health Care ¹	3
NURS 832	Clinical Prevention and Biostatistics ^{1,2}	3
NURS 834	Health Care Operations and Financial Management ¹	3
NURS 836	Translational Research in Health Care ¹	3
Total Hours		27

¹ Course offered in online format

² NURS 832 requires a graduate level Biostatistics course as a prerequisite. HLTH 501 will meet this requirement, if needed.

Code	Title	Hours
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration		
NURS 751	Neurobiology and Differential Diagnosis of Mental Disorders ¹	3
NURS 752	Clinical Psychopharmacology ¹	3
NURS 753	Psychotherapeutic Theories, Frameworks, and Modalities ¹	3
NURS 754	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Practicum I Adult/Gero ^{1,2}	4
NURS 755	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Practicum II Pediatrics/Family ^{1,2}	5
NURS 821	Comprehensive Exam: Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner ^{1,3}	0
Total Hours		18

¹ Synchronous virtual class time

² Practicum hours required

³ This examination is specific for Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner students and cannot be replaced by NURS 820

Code	Title	Hours
Gate Courses		
NURS 745	School of Nursing Gate 1 PMHNP-Post MSN	0
NURS 746	School of Nursing Gate 2 PMHNP-Post MSN	0
NURS 828	School of Nursing DNP Practicum Gate	0
Total Hours		0

Code	Title	Hours
Project & Practicum Courses		
NURS 840	DNP Practicum I ^{1,2}	2
NURS 841	DNP Practicum II ^{1,2}	2
NURS 842	DNP Practicum III ^{1,2}	2
NURS 843	DNP Practicum IV ^{1,2}	2
NURS 844	DNP Practicum V ^{1,2,3}	2
NURS 947	Scholarly Project Planning ⁴	1
NURS 948	Scholarly Project I ^{4,5}	1
NURS 949	Scholarly Project II ^{4,5}	1
NURS 950	Scholarly Project Defense ⁴	1
Total Hours		14

¹ Synchronous virtual class time

² Practicum hours required

³ 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 Nursing Department and enrollment must not exceed four times

⁴ Course offered in online format

⁵ NURS 948 and NURS 949 may each be repeated twice to allow additional time, if needed, for the scholarly project

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 59 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
First Year		
First Semester		
NURS 700	Advanced Nursing Research ¹	3
NURS 715	Theoretical Application for Advanced Practice Nursing ¹	3

Course	Title	Hours
NURS 716	Applications of Evidence-Based Care ¹	3
Hours		9
Second Semester		
NURS 751	Neurobiology and Differential Diagnosis of Mental Disorders ²	3
NURS 718	Informatics, Technology and Trends for Transforming Health Care ¹	3
NURS 721	Leadership, Policy and Ethics ¹	3
Hours		9
Third Semester		
NURS 752	Clinical Psychopharmacology ²	2
NURS 753	Psychotherapeutic Theories, Frameworks, and Modalities ²	3
NURS 732	Interprofessional Collaboration and Outcomes Management for Quality in Health Care ¹	3
Hours		8
Second Year		
Fourth Semester		
NURS 754	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Practicum I Adult/Gero ^{2,3}	4
NURS 832	Clinical Prevention and Biostatistics ^{1,4}	3
Hours		7
Fifth Semester		
NURS 836	Translational Research in Health Care ¹	3
NURS 755	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Practicum II Pediatrics/Family ^{2,3}	5
Hours		8
Sixth Semester		
NURS 821	Comprehensive Exam: Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner ^{2,5}	0
NURS 834	Health Care Operations and Financial Management ¹	3
NURS 840	DNP Practicum I ^{2,3}	2
NURS 947	Scholarly Project Planning ¹	1
Hours		6
Third Year		
Seventh Semester		
NURS 841	DNP Practicum II ^{2,3}	2
NURS 842	DNP Practicum III ^{2,3}	2
NURS 948	Scholarly Project I ¹	1
NURS 949	Scholarly Project II ¹	1
Hours		6
Eighth Semester		
NURS 843	DNP Practicum IV ^{2,3}	2
NURS 844	DNP Practicum V ^{2,3}	2
NURS 950	Scholarly Project Defense ¹	1
Hours		5
Total Hours		58

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