Adolescent & Child Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing

Adolescent & Child Psychiatric Mental Health Nurses provide mental health services in PMH inpatient or outpatient facilities to children and adolescents with mental illnesses, substance abuse problems, or dual diagnoses.

The primary goal of the Adolescent and Child Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing specialty track is to prepare graduates for professional opportunities as psychiatric mental health clinical nurse specialists (PMH CNSs) or nurse practitioners (PMH NPs). Students in the Child and Adolescent option are required to take courses in concepts and values related to advanced family and pediatric nursing in primary care settings. These students are eligible for ANCC certification as an Advanced Practice Child and Adolescent Clinical Nurse Specialist.

In addition to the Psychiatric Mental Health specialty, students may complete another Nurse Practitioner specialty in a time-extended program or as a post-master's certification student. Graduates completing a PMH specialty in addition to a primary care specialty are qualified to take both certifying examinations and are prepared to provide primary mental and physical health care. The program meets the nurse practitioner guidelines of the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties.

As part of the country’s most comprehensive health sciences complex, the College of Nursing provides students access to cutting-edge research and knowledge, a diverse selection of elective courses, and interdisciplinary collaboration from among health care professionals.

Essential skills
Graduates enter the marketplace with the skills and proficiency to:

- provide mental health promotion and primary behavioral health care for persons who are at risk for mental health and chemical dependency problems
- put theory and research into practice with individuals, groups, families, and communities
- design, implement, and evaluate behavioral healthcare strategies
- utilize leadership skills to effect positive change in policies
- adapt professionally to the constantly changing healthcare environment
- contribute to the advancement of the profession

Clinical experience
Our program provides preceptors in a wide variety of geographic locations and clinical sites throughout Ohio. Students work with clinical specialists, nurse practitioners, psychologists, social workers, and physicians in ambulatory primary care and inpatient settings. Students must complete three hours of seminar and supervision, and 16 hours of clinical work per week during their final year of study.

Specialty curriculum
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Nursing 7450 Pathophysiology of Altered Health States
Nursing 7410 Advanced Health Assessment
Nursing 7470 Advanced Pharmacology in Nursing
Nursing 7340 Neuroscience Principles and Concepts Relevant to Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing
Nursing 7260 Concepts and Issues in Advanced Family Nursing
Nursing 7341 Advanced Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing: Therapies Across the Lifespan
7338.01 and 7338.02 Advanced Nursing Practice in Pediatric Primary Care Practicum
N7348.01 and 7348.02 Adult Advanced Practice PMHN Nursing Clinical Practicum

Additional core coursework will be required. Please visit the web site for details.

Sample curriculum
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Upcoming changes to Psychiatric nurse program
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Specialty FAQ
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