

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

FAMILY PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER CONCENTRATION

Lincoln Memorial University's MSN degree program, Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (FPMHNP) concentration prepares nurses in an advanced practice role with competencies in mental health promotion and culturally competent care of common conditions with persons, groups, and families. The FPMHNP concentration at LMU can be completed in seventeen (17) months of full-time study and twenty-eight (28) months of part-time study. Both full-time and part-time options requires 44 credit hours of graduate course work including a minimum of 750 clinical hours. Clinical courses have a 1:5 credit hour to clinical hour clinical ratio. A Comprehensive Exam is required during the final semester. FPMHNP students who successfully complete the graduate nursing program will receive the MSN degree. FPMHNP students will meet the eligibility criteria for the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) FPMHNP certification examination.

The minimum number of credit hours required for graduation should not be construed as indicating a maximum number of credit hours for any particular student. Students who complete the program in 17 months will have limited opportunity for elective courses, but students who pursue a part-time option may elect to explore additional topics. Thus, each program of study may vary as to total number of credit hours necessary to receive the degree.

Full-Time Plan (17 months, 4 semesters)			
First Semester		Cr Hrs.	
NURS 510 Advance Pathophysiology		3	
NURS 520 Advance Health Assessment		3	
NURS 530 Advance Pharmacology and Therapeutics		3	
Total:		9	
Second Semester		Cr Hrs.	
NURS 500 Theoretical Foundations and Research Methods		4	
NURS 535 Psychopharmacology		3	
NURS 541 FPMHNP I		3	
NURS 541A FPMHNP I Practicum		2	
Total:		12	
Third Semester		Cr Hrs.	
NURS 580 Contemporary Roles & Issues for Advance Practice Nurses		4	
NURS 542 FPMHNP II		4	
NURS 542A FPMHNP II Practicum		4	
Total:		12	
Fourth Semester		Cr Hrs.	
NURS 590 Directed Scholarly Inquiry		3	
NURS 543 FPMHNP III		3	
NURS 543A FPMHNP III Practicum		4	
NURS 544 Theory and Practice of Psychotherapy for the Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner		1	
Total:		11	
Total MSN FPMHNP Concentration Hours = 44 credit hours			
<i>*Clinical courses have a 1: 5 credit hour to clinical hour ratio. (For example, NURS 541A FPMHNP Practicum I is a 2 hour clinical course = Each credit hour equals 75 clinical hours = 150 clinical hours over the semester)</i>			

Sample Part-Time Plan (28 months, 7 semesters)			
First Semester		Cr Hrs.	
NURS 510 Advance Pathophysiology		3	
Total:		3	
Second Semester		Cr Hrs.	
NURS 500 Theoretical Foundations and Research Methods		4	
Total:		4	
Third Semester		Cr Hrs.	
NURS 580 Contemporary Roles & Issues for Advance Practice Nurses		4	
Total:		4	
Fourth Semester		Cr Hrs.	
NURS 530 Advance Pharmacology and Therapeutics		3	
NURS 520 Advance Health Assessment		3	
Total:		6	
Fifth Semester		Cr Hrs.	
NURS 535 Psychopharmacology		3	
NURS 541 FPMHNP I		3	
NURS 541A FPMHNP I Practicum		2	
Total:		8	
Sixth Semester		Cr Hrs.	
NURS 542 FPMHNP II		4	
NURS 542A FPMHNP II Practicum		4	
Total:		8	

Seventh Semester	Cr Hrs.
NURS 543 FPMHNP III	3
NURS 543A FPMHNP III Practicum	4
NURS 544 Theory and Practice of Psychotherapy for the Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	1
NURS 590 Directed Scholarly Inquiry	3
Total:	11

Total MSN FPMHNP Concentration Hours = 44 credit hours

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