

Post-Master's Certificate: Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Standard Plan of Study

20 Credits

Admissions Prerequisites:

- GNUR 6010: Advanced Pathophysiology, 4-0-0-4
- GNUR 6025: Advanced Health Assessment, 2-1-0-3
- GNUR 6020: Advanced Pharmacology, 4-0-0-4

SUMMER YEAR 1 (3 CREDITS)
GNUR 6251: Biological Basis of Mental Health & Mental Illness, 3-0-0-3
FALL YEAR 1 (9 CREDITS)
GNUR 6027: Advanced Pharmacology, 1-0-0-1
GNUR 6252: Mental Health Theories & Therapies, 3-0-0-3
GNUR 7251: Psychiatric Mental Health NP Practicum I, 0-0-5-5
SPRING YEAR 1 (8 CREDITS)
GNUR 6253: Psychiatric Mental Health Disorders & Diagnoses, 3-0-0-3
GNUR 7254: Psychiatric Mental Health NP Practicum II, 0-0-5-5

****Refer to SIS or the Graduate Record for the most current information on course prerequisites.***

The University of Virginia defines "full time" enrollment as a minimum of 12.0 credit hours per semester.

Each SON course is identified by a 4-digit academic credit nomenclature: the first digit denotes the classroom hours, the second digit denotes the lab hours, the third digit denotes the clinical hours (1 credit = 56 hours), and the fourth digit denotes the total credits earned.

Students are required to enter the correct Plan of Study (POS) into the SIS Planner and review with the academic advisor each semester. Changes to the POS must be approved by the advisor and enrollment in a course outside of the POS is not guaranteed. Note: the term/semester of individual courses is subject to change.

Note: the program director or coordinator conducts a gap analysis for each certificate student at matriculation to assure compliance with national standards requiring that all post-graduate certificate students have educational preparation for the NP role, at least one population focus, and completion of the APRN core courses (NTF *Criteria for the Evaluation of NP Program, 2016, III.F*).

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