



DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE PSYCHIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER

Program Overview

The Doctorate of Nursing Practice in Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner program prepares advanced practice nurses to sit for the ANCC exam for certification as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner (PMHNP) so licensure as an advanced practice nurse can be obtained. Students learn to assess, diagnose, provide primary mental health care, and evaluate outcomes for individuals of all ages from diverse ethnic and socioeconomic groups suffering from psychiatric disorders and mental health problems.

Coursework

Students entering the program with a BSN are required to complete 77 credits for the DNP Family Nurse Practitioner track. A total of 1000 practicum/immersion hours are required for the DNP (1 credit = 50 hours).

FOUNDATION CORE

- Epidemiology and Biostatistics
- Research Methods for Evidence Based Practice
- Advanced Nursing Roles and Reflective Practice
- Advanced Healthcare Policy

ADVANCED PRACTICE CORE

- Advanced Health Assessment
- Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology
- Advanced Pharmacology

DNP CORE

- Population Health
- Research Translation for Clinical Practice
- Finance and Quality Management in Healthcare Organizations
- Information Technology for Healthcare Improvement
- Leadership and Interprofessional Collaboration
- DNP Immersion
- DNP Seminar I and II

ADVANCED PRACTICE SPECIALTY: PSYCHIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER

- Psychopathology
- Mental Health Nursing of Children and Adolescents
- Mental Health Nursing of Individuals Across the Lifespan
- Mental Health Nursing of Groups and Families Across the Lifespan
- Primary Mental Health Nursing Across the Lifespan
- Practicum I: PMHNP
- Practicum II: PMHNP
- Practicum III: PMHNP
- Psychopharmacology
- Foundational Skills for Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nurses

For detailed course descriptions, please visit www.fairfield.edu/catalogs.

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Admission/Eligibility

Applicants for the DNP must hold a bachelor's degree in nursing from a regionally accredited college or university (or the international equivalent) with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

Application Deadline: July 1 for fall admission

In order to be considered for admission, candidates must submit the following at www.fairfield.edu/applynow:

- Completed application
- Non-refundable \$65 application fee
- Professional resume
- Personal statement:
 - Discuss a practice problem in your field that, in your experience, has a broad impact on patient care outcomes
 - State professional goals for the next 5-10 years and explain how a DNP will help you reach those goals
- Two letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts from all universities and colleges attended
- Copy of current RN license to practice in the state of Connecticut (required upon admission)

For more detailed admission requirements, please visit www.fairfield.edu/grad.

Tuition/Financial Aid

Discover the many ways to finance a graduate education and explore tuition and fees at www.fairfield.edu/gradfa. To reach the Office of Financial Aid, please contact 203-254-4125 or email finaid@fairfield.edu.

Contact the Office of Graduate Admission

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Egan School of Nursing and Health Studies Website:
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