Family Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Graduate Certificate)

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Family Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (certificate)

This certificate program, accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, is designed for nurses with an MS in nursing who seek to become family psychiatric nurse practitioners or for nurse practitioners with a master's or DNP degree who seek additional certification as a family psychiatric nurse practitioner.

This certificate program is offered in a hybrid iCourse and in-person format that requires students to travel to campus for up to a week for orientation at the beginning of the program and two or three times per semester.

Focused clinical experiences are arranged with appropriate preceptors and administrators. Every attempt will be made to arrange this in the student's geographical area. In the event that clinical sites are unavailable in that area or if the faculty determine the student needs additional faculty supervision of skills, the student will be required to complete the clinical experience in the Phoenix area. Rural health and experiences with disadvantaged and multicultural populations are encouraged, and sites are available for these experiences.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus

Degree Requirements

28 credit hours

This graduate certificate program (including 585 clinical hours) prepares nurses with a master's degree to become family psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners.
Required prerequisites (or equivalent courses taken while in master's degree program)

DNP 604 Advanced Human Pathophysiology Across Lifespan (4)
DNP 605 Advanced Health Assessment Across Lifespan (3)
DNP 608 Applied Pharmacotherapeutics Across Lifespan (3)
DNP 609 Advanced Practice Nursing Role (1)

Students will have an individual review of their transcripts and an individualized plan of study designed to meet certification requirements. Depending on how many prerequisite courses are completed in the master's degree program, up to one year of additional study may need to be added to complete this specialty.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's and master's degree in nursing from a nationally recognized, regionally accredited academic institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. a current unencumbered RN license in the state in which the student plans to do clinical practicums
4. three professional letters of recommendation
5. resume
6. goal statement
7. admission essay
8. health and safety requirements: passing disposition on a background clearance and satisfactory completion of a substance screen
9. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency per the Graduate College requirement and all requirements for the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools.
All students are also required to have an unencumbered Arizona RN license or an unencumbered compact state RN license as mandated by the Arizona State Board of Nursing. The RN license must remain unencumbered throughout enrollment in any nursing program.

All applicants will have an interview with program faculty prior to admission to the program.

It is preferred that applicants have at least one year of clinical experience working within the student's specialty population.

There are no required admission examinations.

**Application Deadlines**

**Fall**

**Contact Information**

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