

PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER WITH SUBSTANCE USE AND ADDICTIONS SPECIALTY (DNP)

The Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner track of the DNP program is designed to prepare graduates to conduct psychiatric mental health evaluations and advanced health assessment and histories, develop therapeutic rapport with clients and families, promote mental health, develop and implement mental health treatment plans included medication management and counseling and provide leadership in interprofessional team management of clients with psychiatric and mental health conditions.

The Substance Use and Addiction specialty preparation is focused on the comprehensive diagnosis and treatment of substance use disorders and the impact of these disorders on psychiatric mental health and treatment options. Students complete additional coursework and practicum experiences with a specific focus on substance use and addiction.

Curriculum

The Psychiatric Mental Health NP with Substance Use and Addictions specialty is offered in a hybrid learning format with both online and in-person instruction. This program is 78 credit hours.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
GNUR 404	Theories & Concepts for Advanced Clinical Practice	3
GNUR 405	Introductory Statistics for Healthcare Professionals	3
GNUR 407	Social Justice and Ethics in Health Care	3
GNUR 408	Research for Advanced Clinical Practice	3
GNUR 420	Leadership and Roles in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
GNUR 521	Population-Focused Health	3
GNUR 523	Health Care Policy and Economics	3
GNUR 545	Evidence Translation for Advanced Clinical Practice	3
Role (NP) Courses		
GNUR 413	Advanced Pharmacology	3
GNUR 425	Advanced Health Assessment Across the LifeSpan	4
GNUR 442	Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology	3
GNUR 476	Basic Diagnostics for Advanced Practice	2
GNUR 529	Family-Focused Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	3
Population (Psychiatric Mental Health) Courses		
GNUR 436	Psychiatric Mental Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	2
GNUR 451	Psychopharmacology Across the Lifespan	3
GNUR 456	Psychotherapeutics Individuals Groups Families	3

GNUR 472	Psychiatric Mental Health Advanced Practice Across Lifespan I	3
GNUR 474	Psychiatric Mental Health Advanced Practice Across Lifespan II	3
Substance Use and Addictions Specialty Courses		
GNUR 535	Substance Use Disorders Addiction Lifespan I	3
GNUR 537	Substance Use Disorders Addiction Lifespan II	2
Project Courses		
GNUR 570	DNP Scholarly Project: Planning	1
GNUR 571	DNP Scholarly Project: Proposal and Pre-Implementation	2
GNUR 572	DNP Scholarly Project: Project Implementation	2
GNUR 573	DNP Scholarly Project: Analysis and Dissemination	1
Practicum		14
GNUR 482	Psychiatric Mental Health Advanced Practice Nursing Practicum	
GNUR 550	Substance Use Management Practicum	
Total Hours		78

Graduate & Professional Standards and Regulations

Students in graduate and professional programs can find their Academic Policies in Graduate and Professional Academic Standards and Regulations (<https://catalog.luc.edu/academic-standards-regulations/graduate-professional/>) under their school. Any additional University Policies supersede school policies.

Learning Outcomes

Program Goal

The goal of the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program is to prepare nurses to assume advanced roles in direct care and systems leadership domains at the highest level of nursing to improve health care outcomes through practice-based scholarship.

Program Outcomes

At the completion of the DNP program, the graduate has the knowledge and skills to:

- Apply integrated scientific, knowledge and clinical judgements at the highest level of professional nursing practice.
- Evaluate health care delivery approaches and healthcare systems, with an emphasis on quality and safety.
- Apply best evidence in approaches to client and system-centered practices.
- Apply analytic approaches and information technology in the delivery and improvement of client-centered health care and health care systems.
- Employ ethics, leadership, and advocacy concepts to advance healthcare quality and equity for individuals, systems and populations.
- Implement intraprofessional and interprofessional leadership and collaboration competencies and methods, at the highest level of professional nursing practice in advancing health and health outcomes.