

MSN 690 : Advanced PMHNP Across the Lifespan IV

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Didactic Contact)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	Summer
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590, MSN 592, MSN 597, MSN 598, MSN 630, MSN 650
Corequisites:	MSN Practicum courses
Requisites:	None

Description: PMHNP Lifespan IV serves as the culminating course in the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) didactic series, preparing students for independent practice and the PMHNP certification exam. In this course, learners will synthesize knowledge and skills from previous courses, applying advanced clinical reasoning, leadership, and evidence-based practices to manage complex psychiatric cases. Emphasis is placed on the comprehensive management of treatment-resistant conditions, co-occurring mental health disorders, and the integration of pharmacological and psychotherapeutic interventions. Students will refine their skills in advanced psychotherapeutic techniques, clinical decision-making, and interdisciplinary collaboration. The course includes critical components such as cultural competence, health disparities, and ethical decision-making, ensuring holistic, patient-centered care for diverse populations. Leadership in healthcare systems and advocacy for mental health reform are central themes, with students expected to lead interdisciplinary teams and develop system-level interventions. Throughout the course, students will integrate all aspects of advanced practice nursing (APRN) education standards, including the AACN Essentials, NP Core Competencies, and QSEN competencies, ensuring they are fully prepared for the challenges of independent clinical practice. This course will also include rigorous review and practice scenarios to prepare students for the PMHNP certification exam, allowing them to demonstrate their competence in providing high-quality, safe, and effective mental health care across the lifespan.