Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate

Advanced Certificate Program
An advanced certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner will prepare students to assess, diagnose and manage acute and chronic mental health conditions across all ages as they provide care to individuals, families and groups that includes prescriptive and counseling roles.

D’Youville College’s program is designed for students who have already earned a master’s degree in nursing and are prepared to take a leadership role as a member of the mental health care team with prescriptive privileges to provide a holistic, patient-centered approach to patients facing mental health problems.

Students will benefit from a simple scheduling structure with all classes held on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays, and will be able to complete the program in 12 to 24 months.

As a graduate of the program, students will be prepared to take the exam for board certification through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) to further demonstrate your expertise in the mental health field.

If you’re interested in advancing your career by obtaining an advanced certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, D’Youville College's nursing program is an ideal place to learn. Established in 1942, the School of Nursing has earned a reputation as a leading resource in the region for high-quality, student-centered education.

Technical, professional, and behavioral standards for all Nurse Practitioner students are covered in detail in the Graduate Nursing Student Handbook. All standards apply to MS and Post-graduate APRN students.

Course Requirements

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Degree: PMC

Course Requirements for the Major.

Clinical Component:

NUR 611 APN Role Transit Policy Sem.......................................................2
NUR 631 Advanced Health Assessment..................................................3
NUR 631L Advanced Health Assessment Lab.....................................1
NUR 706 Co-MGT for Medical Disorders for APN's..........................1
NUR 707 Foundations of PMH for APRNs I.........................................3
NUR 708 Foundations of PMH for APRNs II.....................................3
NUR 714 Clin Practicum in Comm-Based Family Care.........................2
NUR 715 Psy Mental Health Clinical Practicum I.................................3
NUR 716 Psy Mental Health Clinical Practicum II..............................4

Total Credits: 22

Supportive Component:

NUR 632 Advanced Pharmacology.................................................3
NUR 633 Advanced Physiology & Pathophysiology.............................3
NUR 672 Advanced Psychopharmacology.........................................1
NUR 673 Advanced Psychopathophysiology.....................................1

Total Credits: 8

Total Credits required for post-master’s certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner: 30

An individual gap analysis of student transcripts will be done for nurse practitioners to determine courses from their previous programs that may be given credit.
Admission Requirements

In addition to the general admission requirements for the graduate programs at D’Youville College, applicants to the post-master’s certificate in psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner must present the following:

1. Master of science degree in nursing
2. Active, unrestricted licensure as a registered nurse in New York state or Ontario if Canadian
3. All official graduate transcripts. If health assessment, pathophysiology, and pharmacology courses were taken at the undergraduate level those official transcripts must be submitted.
4. Interview with the program director/faculty
5. Current CPR certification
6. A minimum of one year of experience as a registered nurse is recommended.
7. At least two references on clinical performance from a supervisor or colleague
8. A student who meets the entry requirements and is currently enrolled in the Nurse Practitioner program or Doctor of Nursing Practice program at another college or university, must obtain a letter from that School of Nursing stating that the student is in good standing, not on probation, and able to register for classes. Students who were dismissed from a graduate or doctoral program will not be considered for admission

School of Nursing

Programs in the School of Nursing include undergraduate and graduate degree programs and post-graduate APRN certificates. The entry level professional program leads to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree in four academic years. Graduates are eligible to apply to take the NCLEX-RN® for licensure as registered nurses. The program has a strong liberal arts foundation preparatory to and correlated with professional courses. Students begin clinical course work in their sophomore year and complete a variety of clinical experiences before graduation.

A special curriculum (RN to BSN) is available for RN students with an associate degree or diploma in nursing. The curriculum offered online, except for clinical experiences, is designed to capitalize on and enhance the knowledge and experience gained from practicing as a professional nurse and from previous college coursework.

D’Youville offers master’s of science in nursing degree programs in psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner (PMHNP), family nurse practitioner (FNP), nursing management and quality leadership, and nursing education with a clinical focus. The PMHNP and FNP programs are also available in the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program and the post-graduate advanced practice certificate program. The nurse practitioner programs prepare graduates to apply for and take national certification exams.

All programs include a focus on evidence based practice, interdisciplinary healthcare studies, culturally competent healthcare, and collaboration and partnerships with clients, healthcare professionals, and agencies.

Graduates are prepared for careers in a multitude of healthcare settings including primary care, community and home health nursing, hospital nursing long-term care nursing, and new independent roles in managed care settings. Employment opportunities vary by specific programs.

The baccalaureate degree in nursing, the master degree, Doctor of Nursing Practice, and the post-graduate APRN certificate at D’Youville are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

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