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FAY W. WHITNEY SCHOOL OF NURSING



DNP/PMHNP Preceptor Pamphlet

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

Psychiatric Mental Health Practitioner (PMHNP)

Clinical Overview

The purpose of this pamphlet is to provide you with an overview of the clinical rotations in the PMHNP program.

Clinical Rotations

Students in the PMHNP program rotate through five clinical experiences over 1 ½ years. Each experience builds upon previous experiences, and students are expected to carry clinical knowledge forward. In addition to specific clinical courses, students also take advanced pathophysiology and pharmacotherapy and will have taken and passed these courses by the time they start their second clinical rotation (N5861).

N5861:

Therapeutic Interventions Across the Lifespan

This clinical practicum focuses on beginning level therapeutic competencies in the advanced practice role of the PMHNP.

For the clinical portion of this course, students spend a minimum of 180 hours in a mental health therapeutic setting under the supervision of approved preceptors. Students are expected to participate in individual and group therapy modalities to promote mental health for individuals and families across the lifespan. Students will begin integrating assessment findings to develop diagnoses and treatment plans in the treatment of acute and chronic psychiatric disorders.

N5850: Practicum Innovative Practice Models

This course examines innovative health care models and their incorporation into primary care. Students learn to evaluate models in care delivery, quality management, and business improvement strategies. *This practicum provides students with the opportunity to spend a minimum of 40 hours at an innovative primary care practice, exploring the organization in terms of care organization and delivery.*

N5862: Diagnosis and Management of the Psychiatric Client for the PMHNP I

This clinical practicum focuses on beginning level diagnostic and clinical management competencies for the PMHNP. Students spend a minimum of 300 hours in a mental health setting under the supervision of approved preceptors. Students are expected to demonstrate advanced assessment skills to complete a full psychiatric evaluation. Students will develop appropriate differential diagnoses with a prioritized problem list for acute and chronic psychiatric disorders across the lifespan. Students will communicate and document assessment findings from the psychiatric history and physical in an organized and professional manner. Finally, students are expected to utilize evidence based psychopharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions in the management of complex acute and chronic psychiatric disorders across the lifespan.

N5863: Diagnosis and Management of the Psychiatric Client for the PMHNP II

This clinical practicum allows students to continue to practice and refine competencies in the PMHNP role with multiple and complex psychiatric populations. *Students spend a minimum of 300 hours in a mental health setting under the supervision of approved preceptors. Students are expected to demonstrate advancing assessment skills to complete a full psychiatric evaluation. Students will develop appropriate differential diagnoses with a prioritized problem list for acute and chronic psychiatric disorders across the lifespan. Students will communicate and document assessment findings from the psychiatric history and physical in an organized and professional manner. Finally, students are expected to utilize evidence based psychopharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions in the management of complex acute and chronic psychiatric disorders across the lifespan.*

N5895: Final Practicum

This final clinical experience provides students with the opportunity to apply theoretical content, research findings, and become actively involved in rural health settings appropriate to their area of concentration. *For the clinical portion of this course, students spend a minimum of 360 hours in an outpatient primary care setting doing what we consider a final “immersion experience”. Students in this course are expected to perform all aspects of primary care at an intermediate level with some assistance from their preceptors.*

How can I learn more about precepting students?

You can learn more about precepting students at our website www.uwyo.edu/nursing. Click on “Preceptor Info” from the left hand menu. This site contains several interesting educational modules related to precepting.

Thank you. YOU make our NP program possible!

Questions/Concerns?

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