

**Graduate Certificate (Post Master's)  
Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner  
(for Psychiatric/Mental Health CNSs)**

Registered Nurses with master's degrees (MN or MSN) with a Psychiatric/Mental Health clinical nurse specialist emphasis or major from a nationally accredited master's program may apply to the graduate certificate program in Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. The following courses will be required:

<b>Course</b>	<b>(17-18 hours total)</b>	<b>Cr Hrs</b>
N 701/702: Advanced Health Assessment/Lab		3
N 731: Psychopharmacology (previously N 791D 2 hrs.)		2-3
N 793: Advanced Pathophysiology		3
N 795: Applied Drug Therapy		3
N 805: Health Promotion and Disease Prevention		3
N 849: Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship		3

*In addition, applicants will need to provide evidence of knowledge of the important issues (i.e. legal, ethical, political) related to advanced nursing practice. A course or documentation of integrated content from prior degree will be accepted. If such documentation cannot be provided, the candidate will be required to take N715: Advanced Nursing Practice: Roles and Issues.*

Prerequisites include the following courses. The Wichita State University course number is shown in parentheses.

- Theories and Foundations (N703)
- Research (N705)
- Adv. Nursing Practice: Roles and Issues (N715)
- Assessment in Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing (N783)
- Foundations of Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing (N819)
- Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing: Practicum I (N822)
- Perspectives in Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing (N843)
- Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing: Practicum II (N844)
- Clinical Management (N851)

Applicants who have completed graduate level courses similar to those listed above may petition for recognition of those courses.

Records of individuals with varied clinical backgrounds and educational experiences or degrees will be reviewed on an individual basis by the graduate faculty. Effort will be made to recognize previous experience and academic credit within guidelines and requirements for the Kansas State Board of Nursing.

Students are encouraged to take the appropriate national certification examinations upon completion of these courses.

### **Admission Requirements:**

Students seeking a graduate certificate must be admitted to the Graduate School in a degree program or in non-degree, Category A status.

Degree Admission- The student must have earned a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution or a recognized institution in another country whose requirements for the bachelor's degree are substantially equivalent to an American four-year bachelor's degree. The student must also have a grade point average of at least 2.750 based upon the last 60 hours of course work (or nearest semester or term break to this), including any post-bachelor's graduate work, and no more than 9 hours of background deficiencies in the desired field. Some programs may require a higher minimum grade point average.

Non-Degree, Category A- Students who already possess a graduate degree and who do not wish to pursue a second degree, should apply for non-degree, category A admission. The student must have earned a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution or a recognized institution in another country whose requirements for the bachelor's degree are substantially equivalent to an American four-year bachelor's degree. The student must also have a grade point average of at least 2.750 based upon the last 60 hours of course work (or nearest semester or term break to this), including any post-bachelor's graduate work. Some programs may require higher minimum grade point average.

### **For More Information**

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