FAMILY PSYCHIATRIC/MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER - GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Post-Master's Certificate Program: This program is for those Master's-Prepared Advanced practice nurses (Nurse practitioners) who hold current “certification” in a clinical specialty area who wish to obtain the coursework needed to sit for certification in another area. The SON currently offers a post-MSN certificate in Family Psych/Mental Health Practitioner and Family Nurse Practitioner.

The Post-Master’s certificate consists of 18 credit hours which includes a minimum of 500 clinical hours. When applying to the Post-Master’s Certificate program, please select “Graduate Certificate” in the application system. Please note that the clinical hours are “required” for national certification and cannot be waived or negotiated.

The Family, Psych/Mental Health Specialty prepares nurses for advanced practice with a focus on mental health issues across the lifespan. The curriculum builds upon four core FPMHNP competencies: advanced health assessment (physical and psychosocial); diagnosis (diagnosis of mental disorders, pathophysiology, and neurophysiology); psychotherapy (individual, group, and family); and medication management (pharmacology and psychopharmacology). Other courses develop competencies in health care systems, best-practice research utilization and translation, and health care quality improvement. Graduates are prepared to sit for the Family, Psych/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Exam.