

New Program Proposal

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Post-MSN Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate

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NURSE 6509	Role Of The Clinical Nurse Specialist/Nurse Practitioner	2
NURSE 6518	Pathophysiology For Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURSE 6520	Pharmacology For Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURSE 6524	Health Assessment For Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURSE 6530	Clinical diagnostics for Advanced Nursing Practice	2
NURSE 6737	Psychiatric-Mental Health I: Diagnosis & Management In Advanced Nursing Practice	5
NURSE 6738	Psychiatric-Mental Health II: Diagnosis & Management In Advanced Nursing Practice	5
NURSE 6954	Advanced Practice Nursing: Internship 1	4
NURSE 6955	Advanced Practice Nursing: Internship 2	4
Total Hours		31

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

None

The UMSL College of Nursing has a strong array of nurse practitioner tracks and the addition of a psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner option would build on the existing strengths in the master's program. The addition of this option would follow the curriculum of the other nurse practitioners options and will only require the development of two new courses:

- NURSE 6737 Psych-Mental Health I: Diagnosis & Management In Advanced Nursing Practice (4-5 cr)
- NURSE 6738 Psychiatric Mental Health II: Diagnosis & Management In Advanced Nursing Practice (4-5 cr)

Rationale

The Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH) has identified a critical need to prepare additional mental health providers to meet the needs of individuals with mental health, substance use disorders, and developmental disabilities. The Caring for Missourians-Mental Health initiative has been developed to address these needs. This initiative began with the Missouri DMH and was supported by the governor's office. A coalition representing DMH and nine of the public higher education universities in Missouri have worked to develop a plan that would increase the number of practitioners to provide services to these populations in the areas of applied behavior analyst, clinical and counseling psychology, communication disorders, nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and psychiatry. One of the specific areas that has been identified is the need to increase the number of psych-mental health nurse practitioners.