



## FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE

### MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING

## PSYCHIATRIC-MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER

The mission of The Ann Blanton Edwards School of Nursing and Health Sciences at Florida Southern College is to prepare health professionals to provide quality care for diverse populations.

### About FSC

Florida Southern College is known throughout the nation as a leader in engaged learning. FSC is consistently ranked as a top college in the prestigious *U.S. News and World Report* and was voted #1 most beautiful campus two years in a row by the *Princeton Review*. Situated in the corridor between Orlando and Tampa, students enjoy our location with easy access to surrounding areas.

### MSN Program Overview

At Florida Southern College, our MSN program builds on the foundations of the BSN and allows students to focus on a specific area of advanced nursing. Our MSN program currently features five distinct curriculum tracks: Family Nurse Practitioner, Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Educator, and Nursing Administrative Leadership.

### Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Track Delivery

Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner courses may be delivered in live, hybrid, or online formats. The curriculum is designed to be completed in six semesters. Actual time to degree completion may vary for individual students.

### Academic Advisor

The moment you enroll, you'll be assigned an advisor to see you through your experience from start to finish. This advisor will help you develop an educational plan that matches your priorities.

[www.flsouthern.edu/MSN](http://www.flsouthern.edu/MSN)

### Program Strengths

- Contemporary curriculum strategically designed using professional nursing standards to meet the learning needs of advanced practice nurses
- Abundant opportunities for engagement and scholarly discourse to advance personal and professional development
- Extensive network of practice partners that provide MSN students with outstanding clinical learning experiences
- Faculty and staff deeply committed to student success, academic excellence, and providing every student with positive and engaging learning experiences
- Faculty with the academic and clinical experience needed to optimize student learning outcomes

### Accreditation

The master's degree program in nursing and the post-graduate APRN certificate programs at Florida Southern College is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791.

### Financial Aid

Tuition deferment is available to students receiving employer reimbursement. FSC participates in all major federal aid programs including military funding.

### Contact Information

#### Office of Adult and Graduate Admission

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## Prerequisite Courses

Students must have successfully completed the following courses at the undergraduate level earning a grade of “C” or better to qualify for admissions consideration:

- Basic Health Assessment
- Evidence-Based Practice or Nursing Research
- Elementary Statistics or Biostatistics

## Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Track Requirements

- NUR 5120** Leadership, Role Development, and Advocacy for Advanced Nursing Practice (2 hours)
- NUR 5150** Advanced Pharmacology Across the Life Span (3 hours)
- NUR 5200** Advanced Pathophysiology Across the Life Span (3 hours)
- NUR 5220** Advanced Health Assessment and Differential Diagnoses Across the Life Span (3 hours)
- NUR 5250** Evidence Translation and Quality Improvement for Advanced Nursing Practice (3 hours)
- NUR 5400** Health Promotion, Clinical Prevention, and Population Health for Advanced Nursing Practice (2 hours)
- NUR 5450** Informatics and Health Care Technologies (2 hours)
- NUR 6530** Transition to Advanced Nursing Practice Role: Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (2 hours)
- NUR 6600** Advanced Psychopharmacology Across the Lifespan (3 hours)
- NUR 6610** Advanced Mental Health Assessment and Diagnostics Across the Lifespan (3 hours)
- NUR 6670** Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Across the Lifespan I: Individual & Family Psychotherapy (6 hours)
- NUR 6680** Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Across the Lifespan II: Individual & Group Psychotherapy (6 hours)
- NUR 6690** Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Across the Lifespan III: Role Synthesis (6 hours)

Total Credits  
Clinical Practice Hours

44 Hours  
Minimum 540 Hours

## Admission Requirements

- Completed online application
- Official transcripts of all academic work
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from an accredited CNEA, ACEN or CCNE program at a regionally accredited college or university
- Current résumé
- Minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale on the last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework
- Required undergraduate prerequisite courses
- Proof of current active licensure as a registered nurse in the state of Florida
- Record and submit three short videos (no more than 2 minutes each) answering the following prompts:
  1. Where do you see yourself in five years as a nurse practitioner, nurse leader, or nurse educator?
  2. Why is now the right time for you to begin a graduate nursing program?
  3. Graduate school will put significant demands on your time, energy, and financial resources. What do you see as your most significant challenges for meeting the didactic and clinical requirements for the program?
- Personal interview may be required for eligible candidates
- Completion of a criminal background check, proof of immunization, and a ten-panel drug screen prior to beginning the program (if admitted)

Application materials can be submitted electronically to [evening@flsouthern.edu](mailto:evening@flsouthern.edu) or mailed directly to:

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