

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES
SCHOOL OF NURSING**

Family Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Option (FPMHNP)

The purpose of the Family Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (FPMHNP) program is to prepare the nurse interested in an advanced practice role in the health care system. The student receives preparation in a variety of roles including independent psychotherapy practice and management of psychiatric and mental health conditions in a variety of settings. Such management includes furnishing of psychiatric medications. Students receive detailed supervision of cases so as to understand the incorporation of mental health sciences theory into practice. The program builds on the rich history and tradition of practice in Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing. The educational preparation includes courses in nursing research and theories, as well as in working with clients at all levels of the health-illness continuum. The graduate from the program is fully eligible to take the national nurse practitioner examination for Certification by the American Nurse Credentialing Center as well as by the California Board of Registered Nursing.

Required Core Graduate Courses:	9 Units
NURS 5020: Role, Health Care & Policy	3
NURS 5900: Theory, Research & Practice	4
NURS 5800: Nursing Informatics	2
Comprehensive Exams, Thesis or Project:	0 or 3 Units
NURS 5960: Comprehensive Exam	0
NURS 5970: Graduate Research	1
NURS 5990: Thesis or Project	2
Advanced Practice Core Required of all Nurse Practitioner Options:	12 Units
NURS 5280: Advanced Pharmacology	3
NURS 5660: Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURS 5720: Advanced Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning	3
NURS 5730: Advanced Assessment Practicum	3
Adult Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Option:	22 SEM Units
NURS 5421 Ind. Diagnosis & TX across the Lifespan	4
NURS 5430 Advanced Psychiatric Nursing Across the Lifespan Practicum	5, 5
NURS 5422 Group, Family, Community & Agency Interventions in Psych Nursing	4
NURS 5440 Primary Care for FPMHNPs	2
NURS 5441 Primary Care for FPMHNPs Practicum	2

Total: 43-46 units

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Course Schedule**

1st YEAR Fall 20____ NURS 5020: Role, Health Care & Policy (3) NURS 5660: Advanced Pathophysiology (3) * NURS 5280: Advanced Pharmacology (3)	Spring 20____ NURS 5720: Advanced Health Assessment (3) NURS 5730: Advanced Health Assessment Lab/Practicum (3) NURS 5900: Theory, Research, and Practice (4) N5800 Nursing Informatics (2) Practicum/Clinical hours: 90	Summer 20____ (8 weeks) NURS 5440 Primary Care for FPMHNPs (2) NURS 5441 Primary Care for FPMHNPs Practicum (2) Practicum/Clinical hours: 90
2nd Year Fall 20____ NURS 5421 Ind. Diagnosis & TX across the Lifespan (4) NURS 5430 Advanced Psychiatric Nursing Across the Lifespan Practicum (5) **NURS 5970: thesis or Project (if not taking NURS 596) (0-1)	Spring 20____ NURS 5422 Group, Family, Community & Agency Interventions in Psych Nursing (4) NURS 5430 Advanced Psychiatric Nursing Across the Lifespan Practicum (5) **NURS 5960: Comprehensive Exam (if not taking NURS 5970 and NURS 5990) (0) OR **NURS 5990: thesis or project (if not taking NURS 596) (2)	<i>Only 9 units taken at another institution may be substituted with approval from the School of Nursing</i> <i>*BRN requires Pharmacology to be completed no more than 5 years at the time of completing the furnishing number application</i> <i>** Student must choose between thesis/project or Comprehensive Exam and register accordingly. Theses/Project requires a 3.5 GPA, an "A" in NURS 5900 and a committee of a minimum of 2 faculty members sought out by the student. The paperwork to start the thesis/project process must be submitted before final year of study. Comprehensive exam can be taken the last term of study along with final coursework or any term after completion of all coursework.</i>
Practicum/Clinical hours: 225	Practicum/Clinical hours: 225	Total Practicum/Clinical hours: 540