



Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing

## **Post-Master's Certificate Program in Psychiatric Mental**

**Health Nursing** The post-master's certificate program in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing is designed to enable nurses who hold a master's degree in nursing to gain the knowledge and competencies needed for certification as an adult psychiatric mental health clinical nurse specialist (PMH CNS) or an adult psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner. Completion of the program will enable the certificate holder to take the American Nurses Credentialing Center's examinations for adult health clinical nurses specialist or an adult health nurse practitioner, once 500 perceived clinical hours have been completed. Core courses required for students in their original master's degree nursing program will be evaluated for equivalency to the required post-master's certificate courses.

### General Course Requirements

The minimum number of semester hours required for completion of the certificate program is 20.

Past education and experience will be evaluated to determine required core courses that may be waived because of equivalency with GSU courses.

### **Required Core Courses (courses may be exempted if previous coursework is deemed equivalent)**

Nurs 7310:	Advanced Pathophysiological Concepts in Nursing –Part I	3
Nurs 7320:	Advanced Pathophysiological Concepts in Nursing –Part II	3
Nurs 7500:	Advanced Health Assessment	3
Nurs 7550:	Pharmacology for the Advanced Practice Nurse	3
Nurs 7940:	Advanced Professional Nurse Practice Issues	1

### **Required Specialty Courses: (some courses may be exempted if previous coursework is deemed equivalent)**

Nurs 7050:	Ambulatory Care of Adults for Advanced Practice Nurses	7
Nurs 7120:	Theories of Advanced Psychiatric Nursing	3
Nurs 7140:	Advanced Psychiatric Care for Individuals	5
Nurs 7160:	Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing of Families and Groups	4
Nurs 7170:	Advanced Psychopharmacology	2
Nurs 7190:	Seminar on Complex Cases	5

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