

# MSN: PSYCHIATRIC AND MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Graduate Nursing Core (12 credits)</b>		
NU-508	Factors Affecting Healthcare <sup>1</sup>	3
NU-512	Nursing Research for Advanced Nursing Practice <sup>1</sup>	3
NU-514	Data Management for Advanced Nursing Practice <sup>1</sup>	3
NU-518	Education and Motivation of Nursing Clients <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>APN Concentration (13 credits)</b>		
NU-521	Pathophysiology and Histology <sup>1</sup>	3
NU-524	Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice <sup>1</sup>	3
NU-535	Advanced Health Assessment <sup>1</sup>	3
NU-543	Diagnosis and Treatment of Psychopathology <sup>1</sup>	3
NU-544	Diagnosis and Treatment of Psychopathology Clinical Laboratory <sup>1</sup>	1
<b>Clinical Specialty (20 credits)</b>		
NU-669	Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing I: Practice with Children and Adolescents <sup>1</sup>	3
NU-670P	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Nursing I: Practice with Children and Adolescents Practicum	2
NU-670S	Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing I: Practice with Children and Adolescents Seminar <sup>1</sup>	1
NU-671	Advanced Practice Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing II: Psychopharmacology and Introduction to Therapy <sup>1</sup>	3
NU-672P	Advanced Practice Psychiatric/ Mental Health Nursing Practicum II	3
NU-672S	Advanced Practice Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing Seminar II <sup>1</sup>	1
NU-673	Advanced Practice Psychiatric/ Mental Health Nursing III <sup>1</sup>	3
NU-674P	Advanced Practice Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing Practicum III	3
NU-674S	Advanced Practice Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing Seminar III <sup>1</sup>	1
Total Credits		45

<sup>1</sup> Must be passed with a grade of "B" or better.

## Bridge Program for Registered Nurses

Registered nurses with a bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing can bridge into the MSN program by taking three upper-division undergraduate nursing courses (9 credits) at Monmouth University prior to taking courses in the MSN track of his or her choice. One of the three courses may be waived, at the program director's discretion if the

student has already completed a college-level health assessment or an appropriate continuing education course.

## RN to MSN Direct Program

The RN to MSN Direct Program is designed to allow nurses to quickly attain an MSN degree. Registered nurses who presently hold an associate degree or diploma in nursing will be able to earn an MSN degree without earning a baccalaureate degree on upon successful completion of courses totaling 150 credits. Students are accepted into the RN to MSN Direct Program as graduate students. Successful completion of the Undergraduate Nursing Certificate is a prerequisite for taking graduate nursing (NU) courses. See the *School of Nursing* (<http://catalog.monmouth.edu/graduate-catalog/marjorie-k-unterberg-nursing-health-studies>) section of the current graduate catalog for additional acceptance criteria. Depending on the selected MSN track, students are required to complete 30 undergraduate preparatory credits, and 36 to 48 graduate nursing credits, in order to earn a Master of Science in Nursing degree, as stipulated by the State of New Jersey, students must document completion of at least 150 credits.

## Admission Requirements

1. Possession of a BSN from an accredited program, with a minimum 3.0 GPA. RN students with a baccalaureate degree other than nursing may be admitted into the "bridge" program.
2. A current New Jersey RN license and one year of work experience as a registered professional nurse. For APN tracks one year of experience in the enrolled specialty track is required before beginning the clinical specialty practicum.
3. A personal statement (one to two pages) outlining professional goals.
4. Two letters of recommendation.
5. A college-level course in health assessment. (An appropriate continuing education course may be substituted at the program director's discretion.) This requirement does not apply to the Nursing Administration concentration.
6. Proof of a current \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000 liability and malpractice policy.
7. Résumé.

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Students who are interested in pursuing this program must apply to a Master of Science in Nursing program and fulfill all admission requirements after the completion of the Undergraduate Certificate in Nursing.