



## Post Graduate Psychiatric Nursing Capstone Certificate Program of Study

	Summer	Crs	Fall	Crs	Spring	Crs
Year 1	N657 Clinical Psychopharmacology	3	N726 Foundations for APN Clinical Practice I	3	N727 Foundations for APN Clinical Practice II	3
			N728 Advanced Practice Clinical Application & Role Development I	2	N729 Advanced Practice Clinical Application & Role Development II	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>
Year 2	N590 Pediatric Assessment for Mental Health APNs ( <i>optional</i> )*	1	N826 Foundations for APN Clinical Practice III	3		
			N828 Clinical Leadership III	2		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>		
<b>Total Credits: 18</b>						

\*This optional assessment course is taken by students who need a pediatric course to assure content across the lifespan.

### Course Descriptions

#### Foundations Courses:

##### N657: Clinical Psychopharmacology

This course examines the history, rationale and mechanism of action of drugs used in the treatment of mental health and behavioral disorders. Emphasis is placed on neurobiological processes underlying psychopathology and clinical application of evidence-based pharmacological interventions across the lifespan. In addition, the course focuses on pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, side-effects, drug interactions, therapeutic monitoring and variations in special populations. Finally, this course will review prescriptive authority, the potential impact of the current mental health care service system and ethical decision making for health care professionals.

##### N726: Foundations for APN Clinical Practice I

Designed to advance students' knowledge for clinical decision making. Health promotion, illness prevention and common health conditions are emphasized. Content tailored to APN role and population focus.



**N727: Foundations for APN Clinical Practice II**

Designed to continue to advance students' knowledge for clinical decision-making. Complex and chronic health conditions are emphasized while continuing to promote health maintenance within the context of existing health problems. Content tailored to APN role and population focus.

**N826: Foundations for APN Clinical Practice III**

Designed to continue to advance students' knowledge for clinical decision-making. Coordination of complex care across systems and settings will be emphasized. Content tailored to APN role and population focus.

**Clinical Practicum Courses:**

**N728: Advanced Practice Clinical Application and Role Development I**

Supervised clinical practicum focuses on the continued development and application of advanced health promotion, assessment and clinical management skills within the context of chronic illness and complex health issues. Practicum tailored to APN role and population focus.

**N729: Advanced Practice Clinical Application and Role Development II**

Supervised clinical practicum focuses on the continued development and application of advanced health promotion, assessment and clinical management skills within the context of chronic illness and complex health issues. Practicum tailored to APN role and population focus.

**N828: Clinical Leadership III**

The focus of the supervised clinical practice course is to enhance clinical leadership skills within the role of an Advanced Practice Nurse. Students collaborate with a faculty course professor and clinical preceptor to meet individualized learning objectives.