



Child - Adolescent Psychiatric Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist MSN Program

The Child - Adolescent Psychiatric Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist MSN program is based on UMDNJ's Newark and Stratford campuses. Graduates are eligible for certification by the American Nurses Credentialing Center as clinical nurse specialists in child and adolescent psychiatric/mental health nursing and for certification in the State of New Jersey as advanced practice nurses with prescriptive authority.

Role and Qualifications: The Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) in Child - Adolescent Psychiatric and Mental Health has a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree and provides mental health promotion and illness prevention strategies for children, adolescents and their families experiencing acute and chronic psychiatric problems.

Scope of Practice: The APN in Psychiatric and Mental Health is prepared to provide comprehensive mental and physical assessment, formulate diagnoses, and develop therapeutic treatment regimens for children and adolescents. Treatment strategies can include behavioral and play therapy, medication management and individual, family and group psychotherapy. Practice includes independent and interdependent decision making. The principles of neuropsychiatry and their application to assessment and differential diagnoses are incorporated into the advanced practice role, as is a grounding in research, consultation, supervision, case management, and administration.

Curriculum: The 42-credit Child - Adolescent Psychiatric & Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist MSN program can be completed through part-time or full-time study. The following are the required courses for this program.

Core (Core courses offered every semester; online or in class.)

Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Clinical Hrs.
NURS 5402	Introduction to the APN Role	1	
NURS 5102	Nursing Research	4	
NURS 5104	Advanced Pathophysiology	3	
CSPD 5107	Clinical Skills and Physical Diagnosis	3	45
NURS 5105	Clinical Pharmacology	3	
MHP 5203	Biopsychosocial Foundations of Mental Health	3	
NURS 5403	Advanced Practice Nursing Role Transition (taken in last semester of study)	2	

Clinical

Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Clinical Hrs.
MHP 5303	Psychopharmacology	3	
MHCP 5206	Diagnosis and Interventions in Mental Health I	3	
MHCP 5208	Diagnosis and Interventions in Mental Health I Practicum and Supervision	4	180
MHP 5306	Working with Families & Groups	3	
MHP 5308	Working with Families & Groups Practicum & Supervision	2	90
MHCP 5407	Diagnosis and Interventions in Mental Health II	3	
MHCP 5409	Diagnosis and Interventions in Mental Health II Practicum and Supervision	5	225
Total clinical hours			540

Admission criteria is available on the SN web page.