CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES

PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM ROADMAP

effective Fall 2025

YEAR 1

Fall		Units: 9
NURS 5020	Role, Health Care, & Policy	3
NURS 5280*	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NURS 5660	Advanced Pathophysiology	3

Spring		Units: 12
NURS 5720	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning	3
NURS 5730	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning Practicum	3
NURS 5800	Nursing Informatics	2
NURS 5900	Nursing Theory, Research, & Practice	4

YEAR 2

Fall		Units: 11
NURS 5150	Introduction to Psychiatric Nursing and Adult Psychiatry	4
NURS 5151	Practicum: Advanced Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing with a focus on adults	7
NURS 5850‡	*Directed Elective (if taking NURS 5960 Comprehensive Examination)*	3
Practicum/Clinical†	**315 hours**	

Spring		Units: 11 or 12
NURS 5250	Vulnerable Populations in Advanced Psyhciatric Nursing	4
NURS 5152	Practicum: Advanced Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing /Vulnerable Populations	7
NURS 5850‡	*Directed Elective (if taking NURS 5960 Comprehensive Examination)*	3
NURS 5970 ‡	*Graduate Thesis or Project (if not taking NURS 5960: Comprehensive Exam)*	*1*
Practicum/Clinical†	**315 hours**	

YEAR 3

Fall		Units: 12 or 13
NURS 5350	Psychotherapy and Integrated Interventions in Advanced Psychiatric Nursing	4
NURS 5153	Practicum: Advanced Psychiatric/Mental Helth Nursing/Psychotherapy	6
NURS 5960 ‡	*Comprehensive Examination (if not taking NURS 5970 and NURS 5990 or 5995)*	*0*
NURS 5990 or 5995 ‡	*Graduate Thesis or Project (if not taking NURS 5960: Comprehensive Exam)*	*2*
Practicum/Clinical†	**270 hours**	

TOTAL UNITS: 56

TOTAL PRACTICUM/CLINICAL HOURS: 900

NOTES:

Only 9 units taken at another institution may be substituted with approval from the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing

*BRN requires Pharmacology to be completed no more than 5 years prior to the time of completing the furnishing number application

†Effective Fall 2024, the nurse practitioner programs have increased to 900 clinical hours. This meets the newly updated requirements set forth by the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF).

‡Student must choose between Thesis/Project *or* Comprehensive Exam and register accordingly. Thesis/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 must be submitted *before* the final year of study. The Comprehensive Exam must be taken the last term of study along with final coursework or any term after completion of all coursework. Studetns that choose the comprehensive exam (NURS 5960) must take a directed elective (NURS 5850) the second Fall OR Spring semester.

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