

**Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Program  
Second Master's Degree Option  
Wright State University  
College of Nursing and Health**

Wright State University offers a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Program to prepare RN's for certification and practice as psychiatric nurse practitioners. The second master's degree option for this program is primarily aimed at nurse practitioners from other specialties who wish to pursue the specialty of psychiatry.

Admission requirements, as required by the Graduate School policies, are the same as the admission requirements for the program with the addition of a master's degree in nursing.

At the time of admission to the program, nurses who hold a master's degree in nursing will have a gap analysis completed to identify any gaps in the required pre-requisites. Students may also request credit for clinical hours for previous education/graduate-level clinical experience in psychiatry.

Pre-requisites include:

- Advanced Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan for APRNs
- Advanced Physical Assessment for APRNs
- Advanced Pharmacology for APRNs
- Population Health
- Graduate-level nursing leadership course
- Graduate-level healthcare policy course
- Graduate-level research/EBP course

In keeping with university requirements, a minimum of 22 credit hours must be earned at WSU to complete this second master's program.

Program requirements for completion of the second master's degree include:

- NURS7611 Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Practicum I (7 credit hours including 5 didactic and 112 clinical hours)
- NURS7612 Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Practicum II (8 credit hours including 5 hour didactic and 168 clinical hours)
- NURS7613 Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Practicum III (7 credit hours including 2 hours didactic and 280 clinical hours)