

## Practicum Courses in DNP Program for NPs

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) program prepares nurses to obtain psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner certification to work with clients across the lifespan. Students may work with a Nurse Practitioner and or Psychiatrist as preceptors. Some examples of clinical settings where student’s complete placements include psychiatric: partial programs, inpatient units, outpatient private practice, outpatient clinics, emergency rooms, university health services, intensive psychiatric crisis units, and residential units. Placements each semester should be at a location (s) where students can spend some time focused on the \*specialty placement topic.

### Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)

Fall Year 1	<p><b>N698CA Practicum Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing with *Children and Adolescents- (3 cr.)</b> This course will consist of a supervised clinical practicum experience in a community-based health care agency providing advanced practice psychiatric mental health nursing care to children, adolescents and their families, <b>168 clinical practicum hours.</b></p> <p>N698CA - Clinical placement should include at least 40 hours or more, dedicated to working with clients under age 22. Remaining hours maybe across the lifespan.</p>
Spring Year 1	<p><b>N698AD Practicum Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing with *Adults and Older Adults- (3 cr.)</b> This course will consist of a supervised clinical practicum in a community-based health agency or facility providing advanced practice psychiatric mental health care to adults and older adults, <b>168 clinical practicum hours.</b></p> <p>N698AD Clinical placement should include at least 40 hours or more, dedicated to working with clients 23 and older. Remaining hours maybe across the lifespan.</p>

Summer Year 2  Session I- II	<p><b>N721 Advanced Psychotherapy Modalities with *Individuals, Groups and Families (2 cr.)</b> – This course continues preparing students in developing advanced skills to deliver individual, group and family psychosocial therapeutics using evidence based psychosocial treatment models across the lifespan. <b>112 clinical practicum hours.</b></p> <p>N721 Clinical placement may be precepted by a therapist and or group leader along with a psychiatrist and or psychiatric nurse practitioner and should include at least 20 hours working with groups, families, and individuals.</p>
Fall Year 2	<p><b>N798CH Practicum Psychiatric Mental Health- *Complex Health Problems (2 cr.)</b>- This course will consist of a supervised clinical practicum experience in a health care agency/facility providing psychiatric mental health care to individuals, <b>112 clinical practicum hours.</b></p> <p>N798 Clinical placement may take place in any setting where there are clients with complex health problems.</p>

*Spring Year 2	<p><b>N898D Final Direct Care residency (2 cr.)</b> - This final practicum is an essential component of the DNP program that affords students the opportunity to immerse themselves in * their area of specialty practice as they complete <b>112 hours of practicum experiences</b> in one semester. This practicum provides an intensive immersion opportunity for students to further enhance and integrate their prior learning and to gain experience with designated DNP essentials and specialty competencies. * <u>Post Master Certificate Students with APRN practice experience are not required to take this course.</u></p> <p><u>N898D</u> Clinical placement may take place in any setting where there are clients with mental health needs across the lifespan.</p>
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**N614 Adv. Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning 3cr. and N698A Practicum (1credit).**

Content and practicum focus is on acquiring the knowledge and skills needed to perform comprehensive health assessments and develop enhanced capacity for clinical reasoning and laboratory test interpretation. This course affords students the opportunity to develop competence and confidence in a precepted clinical experience while applying knowledge obtained in a concurrent theory course. Students will select an agency and a preceptor in their community and engage in **56 hours of practicum** experiences to meet course objectives. This first practicum experience, which starts mid-way through the semester, concentrates on the “Art” of Clinical Reasoning and, therefore, most any qualified provider from a variety of healthcare settings can be appropriate. The concentration of the practicum is for students to learn the techniques and practices of the “Focused Case Visit” and the “Complete History and Exam Visit” to acquire a sound knowledge base in diagnostic reasoning and differential diagnosis prior to launching into the individual patient population courses. Preceptors may include NPs and MDs who see patients of varying ages in a primary care setting are preferred. Emergency rooms, occupational health clinics and other clinics which require clinicians to do a full physical assessment are all possible placements.

**N610 Primary Health Care of Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults (3 cr.) and N698E Practicum: Primary Health Care of Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults (3 cr.) – must be taken concurrently.**

Content and practicum focus is on acquiring the knowledge and skills needed to assess, maintain, and promote the health and well-being of culturally diverse children, adolescents, and young adults. Application of this knowledge occurs in the concurrent clinical practicum N698E. Students will select an agency and a preceptor in their community and engage in **168 hours** of practicum experiences to meet course objectives. Students must recruit a provider who services infants through young adults either in a family practice or in a practice that specializes in the care of children and young adults. Primary care and family practice NPs and MDs or pediatric NPs or pediatricians are appropriate choices for preceptors for this semester. Students will concentrate their experiences with patients with simple acute or stable chronic health problems.

**N620 Primary Health Care of Adults and Older Adults (3 cr.) and N698X Practicum: Primary Health Care of Adults (3 cr.) – must be taken concurrently.**

Content and practicum focus is on acquiring the knowledge and skills needed to assess, maintain, and promote the health and well-being of culturally diverse adults and older adults. Application of this knowledge occurs in the concurrent clinical practicum N698X. Students will select an agency and a preceptor in their community and engage in **168 hours of practicum** experiences to meet course objectives. Students must recruit a provider who adult patients either in a family practice or in a practice that specializes in the care of adults and older adults. Primary care NPs and MDs and ANPs are preferred choices for preceptors. Internal Medicine Specialists, GNP, or Geriatricians can be appropriate choices for preceptors for this semester as approved by the faculty. Experiences should include patients with simple acute or stable chronic health problems.

***FNPs & AGPCNPs***

**N723 Complex Health Problems in Primary Care I (2 cr.) and N798K Practicum: Complex Health Problems in Primary Care (2 cr.) – must be taken concurrently.**

Content and practicum focus is on building knowledge and skills beyond the provision of primary care for singular simple acute or stable chronic conditions of separate populations of patients to a focus on health care of patients of all ages with complex health problems. Application of this knowledge occurs in the concurrent clinical practicum N798K. Students will select an agency and a preceptor(s) in their community and engage in **112 hours of practicum** experiences to meet course objectives. The N798K UMass faculty will supervise this practicum course in conjunction with the student's approved preceptor. Students must recruit a family provider or a pediatric and an adult provider in order to assure that complex patients of all ages will be seen –providers can be NPs or MDs or a combination of both.

***For FNP***

**N733 Complex Health Problems in Primary Care II and N798KA Practicum Complex Health Problems in Primary Care II (2 cr.) – must be taken concurrently.**

This course provides students specializing in the advanced practice role of the Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner the opportunity to build their knowledge and skills beyond that of the singular simple acute or stable chronic conditions of separate populations of patients that has been the focus of previous courses in the specialty. This course affords the opportunity to focus on health care of patients of all ages with complex health problems. Application of this knowledge occurs in the concurrent clinical practicum N798KA and completing **112 clinical practicum hours**.

***for AGPCNP***

**N706 Complex Health Problems with Multiple Chronic Conditions 2 (2 cr.) and N798S Practicum: Complex Health Problems with Multiple Chronic Conditions 2 (2 cr.) – must be taken concurrently.** This course provides students specializing in the advanced practice role of the Adult Gerontological Primary Care or FNP (DNP) Nurse Practitioner student the opportunity to build knowledge and skills beyond that of the singular simple acute or stable chronic conditions. This course affords the opportunity to focus on health care of adult and older adult patients (including frail elders) with multiple chronic conditions (MCC) and complex health problems. Application of this knowledge occurs in the concurrent clinical practicum N798S. The N798S UMass faculty will supervise this practicum course in conjunction with the student's approved preceptor. Students must recruit a MD or NP geriatric/gerontology and adult provider in order to assure that complex patients will be seen –providers can be NPs or MDs or a combination of both for a total of **112 hours** (52 hours needs to be in sub-acute rehabilitation and long-term care practice environments).

**Final Spring Semester of Study in the DNP Program**

**N898D Final Immersion Practicum (2 cr.) -**

This final practicum is an essential component of the DNP program that affords students the opportunity to immerse themselves in their area of specialty practice as they complete **112 hours of practicum** experiences in one semester. This practicum provides an intensive

immersion opportunity for students to further enhance and integrate their prior learning and to gain experience with designated DNP essentials and specialty competencies.