MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING - PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree program at Indiana Wesleyan University’s School of Nursing prepares the student to serve in a variety of settings, from the most prestigious hospitals to meeting the vital needs of the global community. The curricula ascribes to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, The Essentials of Master’s Education in Nursing and the competencies prescribed by the respective professional specialty organizations. Graduates of the program are eligible to apply for certification by the appropriate specialty credentialing body.

Primary Care Nursing with a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner specialization is an online program with onsite components. The focus of Psychiatric Mental Health is the interrelationship of theory, research, and evidence-based practice across the life-span. Opportunities for development of critical thinking and clinical problem-solving skills are provided throughout the program through the guidance of student selected, university approved preceptors at clinical sites in Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio, and in areas of Illinois and Michigan bordering Indiana.

This online program is rapid and rigorous. While we understand the need for adults to continue working, students are encouraged to prioritize learning and professional growth.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The graduate should be able to:
1. Provide care for diverse populations with psychiatric mental health needs.
2. Treat individuals with psychiatric mental health conditions across the lifespan.
3. Collaborate with interprofessional healthcare teams and community organizations to provide care for individuals with multiple health needs.
4. Serve as an advocate for vulnerable populations with psychiatric mental health conditions.
5. Address the spiritual needs of the psychiatric mental health patient/client.

RELEVANT AND CONVENIENT

- Complete your coursework in an accelerated format
- Cohort members provide mutual support
- One-time registration, no more registration deadlines
- This program has two residencies and five workshops held onsite for clinical orientation and the Advanced and Health Assessment course
- Faculty are experienced professionals and care about you and your academics
- Scholarship, loan programs and financial aid may be available

PRACTICUM

Practice is an essential component of the graduate nursing program. Practicum courses offer students the opportunity to develop and integrate the knowledge and skills necessary for evidence-based advanced practice. If required by the facility, cost for placement is the responsibility of the student.

- Students accrue a minimum of 525 practicum hours, attend an onsite course in advanced health assessment and two intensives.
- Students must maintain an active license in the state where practicum requirements are completed.
- All RN licenses must remain unencumbered throughout the program.

NOTE: Students must meet all practicum agency requirements. Students in any nursing major may be required to undergo drug testing in order to successfully complete practicum requirements.
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REQUIRED COURSES

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<td>Evidence-Based Communication</td>
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<td>PMHN 693</td>
<td>Interprofessional Practice for the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner</td>
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TOTAL 49 credit hours

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. B.S.N. or B.S. degree with a major in nursing from a college or university accredited by an agency recognized by both the USDoE and CHEA and national nursing programmatic accreditation (CCNE, ACEN, CNEA). OR Registered Nurses (RNs) who have a baccalaureate degree in a discipline other than nursing may also apply by meeting the following additional criteria:
   - A minimum of 10 years of experience in nursing practice.
   - Submit a portfolio with evidence of accomplishments in nursing based on The Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice. There will be a $200 (non-refundable) portfolio review fee.

2. Undergraduate grade-point average of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale from the baccalaureate degree granting institution at which at least a minimum of 30 hours was completed OR graduate-level grade-point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale from accredited program where at least 9 credits were completed.

   GPA for conditional admission: Applicants who do not meet the GPA listed in the criteria for regular admission and have at least a 2.75 undergraduate GPA may be conditionally admitted and allowed to take 9-credit hours of masters nursing courses to establish a graduate GPA
   - Students who have earned a 3.0 GPA by the completion of 9-credit hours in master nursing courses, will meet the criteria for regular admission
   - An unsatisfactory grade (C- or lower in any GNUR course) while conditionally admitted will result in administrative withdrawal from the program and denial of regular admission.
   - Students who do not earn a 3.0 GPA by the completion of 9-credit hours in master nursing courses will be denied regular admission.

3. Anyone applying to become a student at Indiana Wesleyan University must provide proof of an active, unencumbered nursing license. Applicants with encumbered nursing licenses will not be considered eligible for enrollment at Indiana Wesleyan University.

4. Three letters of professional reference from faculty members, professional colleagues, work supervisors or a pastor who can evaluate the applicant’s potential for success in a graduate program. At least one recommendation must be from a supervisor from within the last two years. Recommendations from family members are NOT appropriate.

5. Official transcript from the undergraduate degree granting institution and institution where graduate courses have been taken.

6. At least one year of professional practice. Students applying for admission to the Nurse Practitioner programs must have at least 500 hours of RN direct patient contact and/or care for patients within the year prior to admission.

7. A criminal history background check will be conducted on all applicants with the initial application for enrollment in the program, at the applicant’s expense. A second background check and drug screen will be conducted for Psychiatric Mental Health NP students prior to the first practicum experience, at the student’s expense. Admission and/or progression in the program may depend on the results of these checks.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED

8. If English is not the first language, satisfactory scores from one of the following is required:
   • Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). For graduate students, a score of at least 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based), or 79 (Internet-based) is required for regular academic admission.
   • International English Language Testing System (IELTS). For undergraduate students, a score of at least 6.0 is required; for graduate students, a score of at least 6.5 is required; for doctoral students, a score of at least 7.0 is required for regular admission.

9. Registered Nurse applicants who have a non-nursing bachelor’s degree and a minimum of 10 years of recent experience in nursing practice may also be considered for admission by Portfolio.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES
To be considered for admission to the Master of Science in Nursing degree programs, complete each of the following steps. For more information, call 866-498-4968 to speak with a Program Representative.

1. **Apply online** at indwes.edu.

2. **Transcripts**
   - **U.S. Schools:** Official transcripts are required from the baccalaureate degree-granting institution. Indiana Wesleyan University will accept for its permanent file, only those transcripts mailed directly to IWU by the registrar of the attended institution. Official transcripts must exhibit the official seal and signature of the registrar. Transcripts that are stamped “student copy,” “issued to student,” or “unofficial” cannot be accepted as official. If the applicant completed less than 30 credit hours at the baccalaureate degree-granting institution, all previous transcripts will be required.
   - **Non-U.S. Schools:** For college transcripts from non-U.S. schools, secure a “Course-by-Course Report” from Educational Credential Evaluators (see www.ece.org). Be sure to request that the report be sent directly to Indiana Wesleyan University. The evaluation must list course-by-course hours and grades. Note: Additional third party evaluators can be considered from an approved list and in some cases and internal international transcript evaluation can be done.

3. **Recommendation Forms**
   Applicants are required to submit three recommendation forms from persons familiar with your scholarship, character, and leadership. You must use the standard IWU forms found on our website.

PAYMENT PROCESS

**Payment Options:** Your program representative will work closely with you to choose a payment option that best fits your needs. Your options may include Federal financial aid, company reimbursement tuition deferral, company direct-bill, self-pay, military benefits, etc.

**Financial Aid:** indwes.edu/financial-aid, 800-621-8667 x2516, or NonResAid@indwes.edu.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
To graduate, students must have completed the following:

1. Satisfactory completion of all core, major, and clinical requirements for the specific program.
2. Minimum grade of “C” in each core (GNUR prefix) course and “B” in each major (PYC, PMHN prefixed) course.
3. Cumulative GPA of 3.00
4. The MSN degree programs must be completed within a maximum of four years from the date of enrollment.
5. All financial obligations must be settled in order to receive a diploma.
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Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU) is a Christian comprehensive university of The Wesleyan Church that is committed to global liberal arts and professional education. The university system includes IWU—Marion, where about 3,000 students are enrolled in traditional programs on the main campus in Marion, Ind.; IWU-National & Global, which includes more than 9,000 adult learners throughout the world who study online or onsite at 14 education centers in Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio; and Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University, which offers a practical and student-centered approach for busy, working ministers. IWU’s DeVoe School of Business, the School of Nursing, the School of Health Sciences, the School of Educational Leadership, the School of Service and Leadership, and the Division of Liberal Arts are all housed within the National and Global campus. More information is available at www.indwes.edu.

Not all programs are offered at all Education Centers. Some programs may only be offered online.

ACCREDITATION

Indiana Wesleyan University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission (HLC), www.hlcommission.org, 312-263-0456. Other accreditations and associations of Indiana Wesleyan University are available at www.indwes.edu/about/iwu-profile/accreditation.

The master’s degree programs in nursing at Indiana Wesleyan University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, (http://www.ccneaccreditation.org). IWU is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN). The School of Nursing is also a member of the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties, www.nonpf.org.