



**PMHNP Practicum I  
NURS 5367  
SPRING 2024**

**Scheduled Class Days and Times: Online; Synchronous Meetings on  
Thursday 1800-1900**

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**Course Description:** This course provides clinical training in the full role of the psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner. Emphasis is placed on the integration of two content areas: the knowledge and skills for PMHNP practice; and the specific mental health needs of adults and older adults. Clinical experiences, lectures, case discussions, and projects allow students the opportunity to develop competencies in the ethical, safe, collaborative, and evidence-based provision of mental health care to adults and older adults in the context of a changing health care system. (125 clinical hours)

**Prerequisites:** Successful completion of, or concurrent enrollment in NURS 5368

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate ability to apply theory and research to children, adolescents and families experiencing complex health problems.
2. Develop an age-appropriate treatment plan for mental health problems and psychiatric disorders based on biopsychosocial theories, evidence-based standards of care, and practice guidelines.
3. Apply and integrate appropriate mental health theory and research in clinical application of the care of adults/geriatrics.
4. Demonstrate provision of ethical, evidence-based mental health care to across the lifespan.
5. Generate appropriate differential diagnosis for mental health problems and psychiatric disorders.
6. Assess impact of acute and chronic medical problems on psychiatric treatment.
7. Demonstrate ability to conduct individual and group psychotherapy.
8. Apply supportive, psychodynamic principles, cognitive-behavioral and other evidence-based psychotherapy/-ies to both brief and long-term individual practice.
9. Plan care to minimize the development of complications and promote function and quality of life.
10. Demonstrate ability to develop treatment plans for acute and chronic psychiatric disorders and mental health problems.
11. Demonstrate understanding of the importance of providing consultation to health care providers and others to enhance quality and cost-effective services.
12. Facilitate the transition of patients across levels of care, as appropriate.
13. Demonstrate understanding of the importance of attending to the patient- nurse practitioner relationship as a vehicle for therapeutic change.
14. Demonstrate ability to therapeutically conclude the nurse-patient relationship when transitioning the patient to other levels of care.
15. Demonstrate ability to address sexual/physical abuse, substance abuse, sexuality, and spiritual conflict across the lifespan.
16. Apply principles of self-efficacy/empowerment and other self-management theories in promoting relationship development and behavior change.
17. Identify and maintain ethical and professional boundaries to preserve the integrity of the therapeutic process.
18. Teach patients, families, and groups about treatment options with respect to developmental, physiological, cognitive, cultural ability and readiness.
19. Demonstration of the provision of psychoeducation to individuals, families, and groups regarding mental health problems and psychiatric disorders.
20. Modify treatment approaches based on the patient's ability and readiness to learn.
21. Consider motivation and readiness to improve self-care and healthy behavior when teaching individuals, families, and groups of patients.

**Required Textbooks and Readings:**

1. American Nurses Association (2010). Nursing: Scope and standards of practice, 2nd Ed. Silver Springs, MD: Nursingbooks.org. ISBN: 9781558102828
2. American Psychiatric Association (2013). Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders Fifth Edition Paperback (DSM-5TR). American Psychiatric Association. ISBN 978-0-89042-555-8
3. Johnson, K. & Vanderhoef, D. (2016). Psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner, 4th Edition, Maryland, Silver Spring. ISBN: 9781935213826
4. Stahl, S. (2021). The Prescriber's guide, 7th Edition. New York, Cambridge University Press. ISBN: 9781108926010

**\*\*If you are in a clinical course, all students are required to have an active InPlace subscription.**

**Recommended Textbooks and Readings:**

1. Sadock, B. J., & Sadock, V. A. (2022). Kaplan & Sadock's Synopsis of psychiatry: Behavioral sciences/Clinical psychiatry, 12th Ed. Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. ISBN: 97819751455697.
2. Wheeler, K. (2022). Psychotherapy for the advanced practice psychiatric nurse: A how to guide for evidence-based practice 3rd Edition Springer Publishing. ISBN: 9780826193797
3. Zimmerman, Mark (2013). Interview guide for evaluating DSM-5 psychiatric disorders and the mental status examination. East Greenwich, RI: Psych Products Press. ISBN 9780963382115

**Special Course Notes:****REQUIRED COURSE EQUIPMENT**

- Lab coat
- UT Tyler student name badge (\$15.00)
- UT Tyler patch – purchased locally at CR Scrubs
- Cell phone with internet access
- Web Cam for your computer

**Locations of Class:** Online, check course calendar there is a midweek class meeting in the evening, Thursday 1800-1900. Subject to change, check the calendar published in the course when the semester begins.

**This course requires** you to use the Canvas learning management system to complete course work. Some assignments are timed and once logged on will need to be completed at that time in the time allotted; ensure you have reliable internet access for this online course. Some

semesters there may be quizzes or an exam through APEA. This is accomplished in their online secure website. A link will be provided in the course if this assessment method is in use.

The exams in this course will be proctored using ProctorU/Zoom. You will need to have a webcam and microphone. If you are not able to provide these items, you must contact your professor by the end of the first week of the semester so we can arrange for you to take your exam on campus.

### **Assignments and Weights/Percentage/Point Values**

Clinical Challenge 1	15%
Clinical Challenge 2	15%
Clinical Challenge 3	15%
Two 4-hour rotations online-	
Mental Healthcare Outreach	15%
GENOGRAM Assignment	10%
Weekly BIRP Notes (at least 5)	10%*
Clinical Documents	10%

### **Weekly debriefings                      10% Required**

\*BIRP notes are ineligible for grading/points award if the student does not attend 5/8 of the mandatory clinical debriefings.

**CLINICAL PARTICIPATION:** Each student must log 125 hours of precepted clinical time in this class. Observation is NOT ACCEPTABLE in the clinical setting. You must be actively assessing patients and planning care for them. Clinical time may be awarded for OSCE's and for selected other experiences offered by the instructor throughout the semester. You must attend clinical debrief meetings via zoom as scheduled.

**All hours must be logged into InPlace and all CPE's completed in order to fulfill the clinical requirements of this course.**

**You must submit a Preceptor Signature Document in the assignment link along with CPE's (Clinical Performance Evaluations) and Summary of Clinical hours.**

**Grading Scale:**

Specific guidelines and grading criteria for all assignments are in the Modules. Final grades for the course will be determined based upon the following point assignments:

- A - 90-100
- B - 80-89
- C - 70-79
- D - 60-69
- F - Below 60

Grades will not be rounded when calculating the average (79.5 is not rounded to 80, and 89.5 is not rounded to 90). The simple average of all unit exam grades, including a final must be at or above 80% to pass the course. Once the student has achieved a simple unit exam average of 80% or higher, course grades will be determined based on the weighted calculation of exams and other required course work. Students are required to achieve an average of 80% (B) to complete the course successfully.

**\*\*We do not allow the use of ChatGPT in this course. The use of Chat GPT (or any other AI chatbot), is considered plagiarism as it is not your own work**

Although the university policy allows 60 days for grade appeals, the School of Nursing follows a stricter timeline of 10 days to facilitate students' timely progression through the curriculum. In the case of extenuating circumstances, please consult the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for guidance.

**Academic Integrity:** Cheating of any kind, as defined in Section 8 of the UT Tyler Manual of Policies and Procedures (MOPP) for Student Affairs (<https://www.uttyler.edu/mopp/>), will not be tolerated. Consequences may include:

- reprimand
- exam failure
- course failure
- expulsion from the Nursing program
- expulsion from the University
- other consequences as assigned

**Exam including Clinical Challenges, and homework materials, questions, and problems are the intellectual property of faculty, UT Tyler, or publishers.**

- These materials may not be distributed without permission.
- Distributing or uploading them to online resources destroys the integrity of the assignment and the course, allowing others an unfair advantage by letting them view the materials.

- Uploading these materials to online resources is a violation of UT Tyler's academic misconduct policies and may result in formal conduct charges.
- Sanctions for uploading or otherwise divulging the contents of these materials can include:
  - a reduced or failing grade on an assignment
  - a reduced or failing grade for the course
  - removal from the Nursing program
  - removal from UT Tyler

**Late Policy:** 5% will be deducted each day an assignment is past due unless prior arrangements have been made with your course faculty. Extenuating circumstances may apply.

**Repeating a Course:** Students repeating this course may not use previously submitted assignments nor utilize the same patients for an assignment. Submitting the same or slightly modified assignments from previous semesters is considered self-plagiarism and is subject to academic discipline, including failing the assignment or the course.

**Attendance and Make-up Policy:** Attendance/participation is expected. Make-up for exams, quizzes, assignments, and missed clinical time is at the instructor's discretion.

#### **Graded Course Requirements Information:**

**Clinical Challenges** are an opportunity to synthesize materials learned in previous didactic courses and demonstrate clinical competency in the evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of a patient presented in a time limited unfolding case study. Additional information will be provided in the course. (4 challenges, each worth 15% of the grade (60% in total))

- Clinical Challenges in the course will be given ONLINE, in a monitored environment. Clinical Challenges, like exams, must be taken during the time specifically designated unless other arrangements are made with instructors prior to the challenge. Special arrangements must be decided on an as needed basis. There is no guarantee that any request will be approved.
- Students must achieve an AVERAGE of 80 on all four Clinical Challenges to pass the course. Even though you may have enough percentage in other areas to raise your overall grade, you still will not pass the course without an 80 overall AVERAGE on all Clinical Challenges.
- Each Clinical Challenges may be opened during the designated hours listed within Canvas. Once opened the student will have 240-minutes to complete the challenge, after the allotted time has expired the challenge will shut off. These are individual assignments

**Genogram chart and paper:** this assignment requires the synthesis of learning from previous didactic courses in the examination of the genogram of the central subject with an accompanying paper constructed in proper APA style that explores the central subject's familial attachment styles, trauma, mental health diagnoses, epigenetics, and coping skills. Additional information and a detailed rubric are found in the course.

**BIRP notes:** these are weekly required submissions of documentation of the behavior, background, interventions, responses, and plan for future care of a patient seen that week at clinical. BIRP notes are ineligible for grading if a student misses the mandatory weekly debriefings. Ideally the student will write the BIRP note for one of the patients that was seen in clinical that week. Additional information and a detailed rubric are found in the course.

**Clinical documents:** This consists of items like : the Clinical Schedule, Mid-term and Final CPE, Clinical Hour documentation with preceptor signature, and other documentation concerning clinical attendance. Additional information will be provided in the course.

**Weekly Debriefings:** Debriefings are held on a weekly basis in the evening on the day of the week as listed in the course calendar. A debriefing is an opportunity for the student to do a case presentation, participate in professional discussion and collegial discourse on the diagnosis and treatment of psychiatric patients seen by the students that week. Students must attend and participate in the weekly debriefings as listed in the course calendar. Students are required to arrive on time, be in a quiet private setting, and have their camera on the entire time. (required attendance is 5 out of 8 opportunities or the student is ineligible to pass the course, and the BIRP notes are ineligible for grading).

**Please Note:** Detailed information along with grading rubrics for course assignments will be provided in Canvas.

### **Clinical Course Requirements Information:**

#### **1) Clinical Hours Required**

NURS 5367 is a 125 clinical hour, 15-week course. Students can expect a minimum of 10 hours of clinical per week; no clinical time may be scheduled over University Holidays or Breaks nor during Finals Week.

A minimum of 125 clinical hours is required for satisfactory completion of this course and a total of 675 clinical hours is required for the entire program.

The breakdown of clinical hours for the entire NP program is as follows:

- NURS 5367 Adults and Older Adults: – 125 hours total
- NURS 5368 Adult/Gerontology – 125 hours total
- NURS 5370 Children/Families – 125 hours total
- NURS 5373 Capstone Lifespan – 125 hours total

All hours for the entire program are recommended to be completed with an Advanced Practiced Registered Nurse (APRN) who is credentialled as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC). It is permissible to accomplish clinical hours with a Licensed Psychiatrist (MD or DO) or a Physician's Assistant (PA) who has a Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) in Psychiatry. To meet the course learning objectives, a student may choose to work with the aforementioned professionals at a setting that meets the educational needs for the semester. **Please remember that students are not allowed to do clinicals where they are employed nor with a relative.** Each course has a specific population focus for clinicals, and clinical sites/preceptors must be approved by the clinical instructor.

## 2) Appropriate Clinical Attire

**Students should ask their preceptor how they should dress prior to arrival at the clinical site. Regardless of attire the UT Tyler ID badge must be worn at all times while in the clinical area.** Remember, UT Tyler NP students are representing themselves and the university as future NP's and need to look the part. If appropriate for the setting, students may wear a lab coat. The Lab coat must have the UT Tyler School of Nursing patch on the left chest. All clothing should be clean, pressed, with no frayed hems showing. Should a preceptor advise the student to wear scrubs then this is permitted only in that preceptor's setting.

## 3) Preceptor Handbooks

Students are required to give each preceptor a UT Tyler Preceptor Handbook and review the contents of the handbook with them. The Preceptor Handbook is available on Mission Possible in Canvas. **In addition, students are expected to develop specific clinical objectives and provide them to each of their preceptors at the beginning of their clinical rotations.**

## 4) Clinical Hours Documented within InPlace

**Clinical hours data should be entered into InPlace each night within 72 hours of the clinical date.** Clinical time should not be used to enter data into InPlace. The InPlace hours and preceptor signature sheet hours must match.

Students are to use the clinical time to see patients as quickly and efficiently as possible. Do not count lunch into the hours entered into InPlace if a break was taken for lunch. If the student ate while charting, then this time will count as clinical hours.

*Confidentiality* - maintain patient confidentiality by not removing any patient identifiers from clinics other than patient initials for the InPlace log as this would be considered a HIPPA violation. Students may not take a printed patient schedule, lab, or any other printed information from the clinic setting. No screenshots or copies of any patient records are allowed.

## 5) Preceptor Signature Sheets



**Preceptor signatures should be obtained each day the student is in clinical.**

Please use the preceptor signature sheet located in Canvas. Students will need to verify their InPlace submissions by showing they correlate with their preceptor signature sheets. **The student must add up the time on their preceptor signature sheet and the time on their InPlace entries (excluding lunch) and these hours must correlate.**

**6) Clinical Performance Evaluations**

**Students must obtain a passing clinical performance evaluation by the student's faculty member before a grade in the course will be determined. For this course, the student is expected to make an appropriate plan of care for every patient seen in clinical. Students must also meet the satisfactory level of 80% on CPE and/or OSCEs.**

Please see the Clinical Performance Evaluation (CPE) for specific areas evaluated. Students will be evaluated by their clinical faculty member using several means including, but not necessarily limited to, the following: observation, chart review, speed of patients seen, discussions with the student's preceptor(s), and review of feedback provided by the preceptor CPEs. Clinical performance requires application of key concepts in providing care to individuals and families as evidenced by documentation in the CPE. **TWO CPE's** are required for this course – **one mid-term and one final evaluation**. Students must satisfactorily complete the clinical performance component of the course to be eligible to pass the course. A minimum of 80% on OSCE performance from faculty and a minimum of two satisfactory CPE's from the preceptor must be completed to provide evidence of satisfactory performance. Failure to complete the clinical component satisfactorily will result in a course failure.

**Note: At the discretion of the faculty** additional site visits and/or clinical hours (in 40-hour segments) may be added to the student's overall course requirement if the student does not perform satisfactorily during evaluation by either faculty or preceptor. In addition, faculty may make unannounced visits to the clinical site or call the preceptor at any time to evaluate a student's progress. Please be sure to keep faculty informed of any changes in clinical schedule/times. Should an unsatisfactory CPE/OSCE be documented, a subsequent CPE/OSCE may be needed. The subsequent CPE/OSCE must demonstrate satisfactory performance in order for the student to pass the clinical portion of the course. Please note that there is a course requirement that ALL site visits (and all clinical hours) must be completed by the date on the course calendar. If the student fails their OCSEs or CPE, this may result in course failure.

**Important Course Dates:**

**Classes Begin: January 11, 2024**

**Last Date to Withdraw: March 23, 2024** Students please notify your course faculty and contact your advisor.

**Calendar of Topics, Readings, and Due Dates:**

## SPRING 2024 COURSE CALENDAR: Combined NURS 5367 & NURS 5368

**There are no clinicals during finals week, Holidays or University Breaks– check academic calendar and do NOT schedule clinicals on finals week or over a Holiday or University Break**

Date(s)	Topic/Assignment	NURS 5367 grade	NURS 5368 grade	Details
<b>Thurs Jan 11, 2024</b>	<b>Course opens.</b> Zoom link will be posted. Meetings on Thursday 6pm-7pm.			Topic: Zoom Meeting Room Time: This is a recurring meeting
<b>MAY NOT BEGIN CLINICAL ROTATIONS UNTIL CLINICAL SCHEDULE IS SUBMITTED IN CANVAS</b>				
<b>Thurs Jan 18, 2024</b> 6 pm - 8 pm	<b>Q &amp; A about course</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup>debriefing/case presentation</b> Zoom Meeting Mandatory zoom meeting			Brief Q&A of course requirements, course materials- students should have reviewed course/videos/rubrics  1 <sup>st</sup> debriefing meeting
<b>Weekly</b> Thursday 6 pm – 7 pm  <b>Mandatory attendance with cameras on</b>	<b>CASE PRESENTATIONS</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>Debriefing/case presentation weekly</b> 8 opportunities possible, must attend at least 5 debriefings in the semester
<b>Weekly</b> First assignment due by 1/28/2024 All domains must be complete by 4/8/2024	<b>APEA DOMAINS</b>		<b>10%</b>	<b>Minimum submission grade is 80%.</b> <b>NURS 5368</b>
<b>Mon 1/29/2024</b>	Full Clinical schedule due	2.5%	5%	Required clinical document.
<b>Thur 2/1/2024</b>	<b>GENOGRAM</b>	10%		Per course rubric: genogram and reflective paper <b>NURS 5367</b>
<b>Sun 2/4/2024</b>	<b>Clinical Challenge 1</b>	15%		<b>Course exam NURS 5367</b> <b>Clinical Challenge 1</b> Opens at 8:00 AM on 2/4/24 Closes at 7:59 AM on 2/5/242

Tue 2/6/2024	BIRP NOTE #1	5%	15%	Two detailed BIRP Notes 2 unique entries for each course <b>NURS 5367 and NURS 5368</b>
Sun 2/25/2024	Clinical Challenge 2	15%		Course exam <b>NURS 5367</b> Clinical Challenge 2 Opens at 8:00 AM on 2/25/24 Closes at 7:59 AM on 2/26/24
Mar 4-8, 2024	Mid-term CPE by preceptor due	2.5%	5%	<b>Remind preceptor to do this</b> Download from InPlace Required clinical document
Tue 3/5/2024	BIRP NOTE #2	5%	15%	Two detailed BIRP Notes 2 unique entries for each course <b>NURS 5367 and NURS 5368</b>
Sun 3/17/2024	Clinical Challenge 3	15%		Course exam <b>NURS 5367</b> Clinical Challenge 3 Opens at 8:00 AM on 3/17/24 Closes at 7:59 AM on 3/18/24
Sat 3/23/2024	<b>LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW</b>			
TBD	<b>Two 4-hour rotations online</b>	15%		<b>The UT Tyler Free Mental Healthcare Outreach Line</b>
Sun 4/7/2024	OSCE Clinical Challenge		20%	Plan for the full day: do not work or schedule clinical on this day. <b>NURS 5368</b>
Mon 4/15/2024	Clinical Schedule Hours Signature page	2.5%	5%	Required clinical document
Mon 4/15/2024	Final Preceptor CPE	2.5%	5%	Required clinical document. Download from InPlace & upload PDF into assignment box.
Tue 4/23/2024	End of Session			

**School of Nursing Policies and Additional Information:**

[https://www.uttyler.edu/nursing/college/student\\_guide\\_and\\_policies.php](https://www.uttyler.edu/nursing/college/student_guide_and_policies.php)

**Student Resources and University Policies are provided in Canvas.**

**Artificial Intelligence Statement**

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