Overview
College of Nursing at the University of Rhode Island offers a Master of Science degree with a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner concentration. Its purpose is to educate psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners capable of providing psychiatric mental health care to individuals and families in a variety of health care settings. This program is partially funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources (HRSA). Upon completion of the master’s program students will be eligible to take the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) certification exam.

Curriculum
The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner curriculum consists of courses totaling 49 semester credit hours. Of these, 14 credits are in nursing core courses consisting of philosophy and theories in nursing practice, research, leadership, and role development. In addition, 26 credits in the area of psychiatric mental health and related courses are required. The program culminates with a written comprehensive examination.

Required Master’s Core Courses (14 credits)
- NUR 660 - Philosophical & Theoretical Bases of Nursing Science (4 crs)
- NUR 651 - Advanced Methods in Nursing Research I (Qualitative Methods) (3 crs)
- NUR 652 - Advanced Methods in Nursing Research II (Quantitative Methods) (3 crs)
- HDF 527 - Social and Health Care Policy (3 crs)
- NUR 520 - Graduate Study Seminar (1 cr)

Required Advanced Practice Courses (12 credits)
- NUR 501 – Physical Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning (3 crs)
- NUR 535 - Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nurses (3 crs)
- NUR 518 – Neuro-psychopharmacology (3 crs)
- NUR 582 - Pharmacotherapeutics in Advanced Practice Nursing (3 crs)

Required Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Courses (23 credits)
- NUR 502 – Psych Assess and Differential Diagnosis (3 crs)
- NUR 513 – Integrated Treatment for Adults/Older Adults (3 crs)
- NUR 514 – Practicum I (3 crs)
- NUR 545 – Integrated Treatment for Child/Adoles/Families (2 crs)
- NUR 546 – Practicum II (6 crs)
- NUR 547 – Practicum III (6 crs)

Clinical Practice
Clinical practice is available in a variety of settings - hospital clinics, community health centers, health maintenance organizations, and private offices in both urban and rural settings. Preceptorship on a one-to-one basis is provided by psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists. Students manage a patient caseload with increasing independence as they progress in the program. The practicum experiences are planned with the student, taking into consideration the student’s interests, learning needs, employment plans, and psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner competencies.

Part Time and Full Time Study
Students take 1 or 2, 3 credit courses per semester for part-time and 3 courses for full-time. Students may choose to move through courses in a two-and-one-half to a five-year time frame.
Transportation
A car is necessary to reach the various clinical practice locations in the cities and rural areas. A local bus service connects the University to most major health service facilities, shopping, and service centers, but the bus routes and schedules may not always be convenient for the graduate student.

Tuition and Fees
Additional information on tuition and a full breakdown of fees can be located on the Enrollment Services Tuition and Fees webpage.

Financial Aid
A variety of traineeships, graduate assistantships and loans are available to help finance graduate education. More information can be found on the Graduate School Financial Support webpage. If you are interested in requesting an assistantship please email gradnursing@etal.uri.edu after you have submitted your application.

Application Deadlines
Your completed application package, including supporting materials, is due by February 15th for fall start and October 15th for spring start. We recommend submitting your online application by no later than two weeks prior to the deadline which gives your references two weeks to complete their recommendations. We will consider late applications in special circumstances.

Masters Admission Requirements
- Admission to the Graduate School. Directions can be found on the College of Nursing - How to Apply webpage.
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Baccalaureate degree in nursing accredited by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing or the National League for Nursing with an upper-division major in nursing.
- Eligibility for RN licensure in Rhode Island
- Positive recommendations
- Statement of purpose which reflects writing ability and goals for pursuing advanced study in nursing
- Two years of clinical nursing experience, relevant to the concentration applied for, prior to enrollment in the advanced practice clinical courses.
- A basic statistics course is a prerequisite for NUR 652.

The mission of the URI College of Nursing can be found at www.uri.edu/nursing/about/
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To apply please go to: www.uri.edu/gsadmis/ and click “Apply Online Now!”

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