



**Master of Science in Nursing
RN to MSN Bridge Program: Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
2026-2027**

RN to MSN Bridge Curriculum (7 Credit Hours)		
Course #	Name of Course	Credit Hours
NURS 472	Population Centered Care	4
NURS 455	Health Care Policy	3

MSN Program Core Courses (3 Credit Hours)		
Course #	Name of Course	Credit Hours
NURS 692	Evidence Based Practice I *	3

MSN NP Track Core Courses (21 Credit Hours)		
Course #	Name of Course	Credit Hours
NURS 640	Advanced Health Assessment	3
NURS 656	Principles of Pharmacology in Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NURS 639	Advance Pathophysiology	3
NURS 626	Advanced Practice Informatics and Telehealth**	3
NURS 625	Advanced Practice and Health Care Systems	3
NURS 614	Evidence Based Practice II	3
NURS 602	Advanced Nursing Leadership	3

Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Track Courses (25 Credit Hours)		
Course #	Name of Course	Credit Hours
NURS 682	Advanced Health for Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	3
NURS 686	Psych-Mental Health Diagnosis and Management of Adults and Seniors*	3
NURS 697	Psych-Mental Health Diagnosis and Management of Children and Adolescents*	3
NURS 685	Psychopharmacology*	3
NURS 696	Psych-Mental Health NP Clinical Practicum I (Seminar and 210 Clinical Hours) *	3
NURS 654	Psych-Mental Health NP Clinical Practicum II (Seminar & 210 Clinical Hours) *	3
NURS 622	Psychotherapy Across the Lifespan	2
NURS 678	PMHNP Professional Identity & Internship (Seminar & 350 Clinical Hours) **	5

*courses are analyzed using a gap analysis to determine which competencies have already been met.

† prerequisites of courses within the program and courses are analyzed using a gap analysis to determine which competencies have already been met.

**prerequisites of courses within the program.

***must be taken the last semester of the program

For registered nurses who have an ADN and a Bachelor's degree in a non-nursing program, there is an opportunity to obtain their MSN through what is called the RN to MSN Bridge Program. Hours are calculated as follows:

ADN = 30 hours and all prerequisites for the BSN program. Bachelor's in another discipline = 90 hours.

Two nursing specific courses that need to be taken at the Baccalaureate level must be completed at Spalding University in order to satisfy BSN requirements.

NURS 472: Population Centered Care 4 Credit hours

NURS 455: Healthcare Policy 3 Credit hours

The student will not obtain a BSN degree or be eligible for a BSN stop out. The student must complete all MSN program requirements in order to receive the MSN credential.