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	Department Nursing College Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing		
Program Name BSN-DNP		Effective Date (TERM & YEAR) Fall 2017	
Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment Add Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner as a concentration in the BSN-DNP program. The College will offer the concentration as a BSN-DNP option in addition to the current Family Nurse Practitioner and the Adult Gerontological Nurse Practitioner options. BSN-DNP students earn an MSN along the way. Please see the attached rationale.			
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**FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY
CHRISTINE E. LYNN COLLEGE OF NURSING**

**Rationale for the Proposed Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
BSN-DNP Concentration and Online Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse
Practitioner Post-Masters Certificate Concentration**

The proposed mixed online/hybrid BSN-DNP Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration and the completely online Masters and Post-Masters Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration are additions to existing concentrations in the BSN-DNP and MSN programs. There are seven new courses in the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration. These new courses are:

Semester 1 Courses	Semester 2 Courses	Semester 3 Courses	Semester 4
NGR 6538 Psychopharmacology Across the Lifespan for Advanced Nursing Practice (3 credit hours)	NGR 6554 Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Across the Lifespan: Individual & Family Therapy in Advanced Practice Nursing Situations (3 credit hours)	NGR 6562 Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Across the Lifespan: Group Therapy in Advanced Practice Nursing Situations (3 credit hours)	
NGR 6552 Psychopathological Disorders Across the Lifespan: Advanced Nursing Situations Practice (3 credit hours)	NGR 6554L Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Across the Life- Span Practicum I: Individual and Family Therapy in Advanced Nursing Practice (3 credit hours)	NGR 6562L Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Across the Lifespan Practicum 2: Group Therapy in Advanced Nursing Practice (3 credit hours)	NGR 6704L Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Across the Lifespan: Role Synthesis in Advanced Nursing Practice (4 credit hours)

The BSN-DNP Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration is designed as a concentration option for students enrolled in the BSN-DNP Program courses beginning Fall 2017. This concentration builds upon existing BSN-DNP required Core and Direct Care Core courses. Currently, students have the option of selecting the Family (FNP) or Adult-Gerontology (AGNP) Nurse Practitioner Concentrations. Students enrolled in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree will earn a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree along the way. This is the same policy as in the other existing FNP and AGNP concentrations in the DNP Program.

Admission requirements: There are no changes in admission requirements. The current BSN-DNP Program admission requirements will be required for admission to the BSN-DNP Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration.

The Online Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Master (MSN) Concentration is designed for students to have the option of selecting the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration beginning Fall 2017. This concentration builds upon existing MSN required Core and Direct Care Core courses. Currently, students have the option of selecting the Family (FNP) or Adult-Gerontology (AGNP) Nurse Practitioner Concentrations.

The Online Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Post-Masters Certificate is designed for licensed registered nurses who hold a MSN degree. Currently, all of our MSN concentrations have a Post-Masters option. This Online Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Post-Masters Concentration would begin Fall 2017. This concentration will be the only online Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Post-Masters Certificate concentration in the southeast and central Florida State University System.

Admission requirements: There are no changes in admission requirements. The current MSN and PMC Program admission requirements will be required for admission to the MSN and PMC Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration.

Note: A gap analysis is completed for all students admitted to a Post-Masters Certificate MSN concentration in the college of nursing as required by our accrediting agency, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Students completing a Post-Masters Certificate in the college of nursing are required to take the core course, NGR 6110 Advanced Nursing Practice Grounded in Caring, if they have not completed a congruent course in their MSN program.

Comparison with Existing SUS Programs: The following table represents the colleges of nursing in the Florida State University System with online and non-online Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Post-Masters Certificate Concentrations and BSN-DNP Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentrations.

Universities Florida State University System	Online Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Post-Masters Certificate	Live Course Delivery PMHNP Post-Masters Certificate	BSN-DNP PMHNP Concentration
Florida A & M	no	no	no
Florida Gulf Coast	no	no	no
Florida International	no	yes	yes
Florida State	yes	no	no
University of Central Florida	no	no	no
University of Florida	no	no	yes
University of Northern Florida	no	no	no
University of Southern Florida	no	no	no
University of West Florida	no	no	no

Need: In Florida, the need for mental health providers who can provide both pharmacological and non-pharmacological care is growing. According to the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA, 2017), in 2016, Florida had 165 mental health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) compared to 140 mental health HPSAs in 2014. Approximately 5,425,381 Floridians are without access to mental health providers and Florida has only 26 % of its mental health provider needs met (HRSA, 2017). The need for mental health providers will continue to increase. Recent Florida legislation provides for the prescribing of psychotropic medications for children under 18 years of age by an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP) who is a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) (Florida State Legislature, 2016; Florida Board of Nursing, 2016). Prior to this legislation, family nurse practitioners (FNPs) and pediatric nurse practitioners (PNPs) could prescribe psychotropic drugs to children under the age of 18 (Florida Board of Nursing, 2016). It is anticipated that many FNPs and PNPs will seek dual certification and specialty as a PMHNP so that they may once again provide service to this population. In the past 12 months, the College of Nursing has received over 50 inquiries from advanced practice nurses seeking a Post-Master's Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate Concentration.

Clearly, there is a need for more psychiatrists in Florida. However, Burk et al (2013) estimates that the current supply of psychiatrists can meet less than 40% of patient needs. Over the past 30 years, PMHNPs have demonstrated safe and effective treatment outcomes in the management and care of persons experiencing psychiatric mental disorders (Burk et al, 2013). Equally important, PMHNPs have been more likely to provide services and care to economically disadvantage populations and communities. Several decades of substantial epidemiological evidence indicate the need for behavioral health services for low-income populations as they are more likely to suffer from untreated anxiety, depression, substance abuse and post-traumatic stress disorder. Lastly, there is a growing need to increase access to mental health services for US veterans and active duty military members and their families. The proposed Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentrations are designed to assist in alleviating the critical shortage of mental health providers in Florida and the nation.

Resources: Existing faculty expertise and staff resources are sufficient for the BSN-DNP Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration and the Online MSN and Post-Masters Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration Practicum sites needed for the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration do not compete with the existing concentrations.

Costs: The proposed BSN-DNP Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and the Online Post-Masters Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentrations are cost neutral.

Benefit to FAU: The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration will attract new graduate nursing students. The college will have increased graduate degree production, as

students will earn a MSN and DNP in the BSN-DNP Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Benefit to Florida and the nation: The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration offered in the BSN-DNP, MSN and PMC programs will increase access to mental health services and enhanced psychiatric mental health nursing care to children and adults; economically disadvantage populations; veterans; and the active duty US military and their families.

Standards and Quality: The FAU College of Nursing is nationally recognized for its graduate online education and ranked number 1 in the state of Florida by the US News and World Report. This proposed courses in the BSN-DNP Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration and Online MSN and Post-Masters Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration were designed to meet certification criteria established by American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties' (NONPF) competencies for nurse practitioners and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

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