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<th>COURSE DESCRIPTION:</th>
<th>This course focuses on assessment of the adult and older adult psychiatric mental health client. It also focuses on current treatment modalities. Students will engage in nursing and psychosocial diagnostic decision making in a variety of hypothetical and clinical scenarios. National priorities for mental health care and a critical analysis of the current delivery system will be discussed.</th>
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| CLINICAL OBJECTIVES:| Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be able to:  
1. Synthesize theories and research findings relevant to the provision of care for adults as individuals and in groups in psychiatric mental health nursing practice.  
2. Discuss and utilize various diagnostic methods particular to adults and older adults as individuals and in groups used in advanced psychiatric mental health nursing practice.  
3. Explore and apply psychotherapeutic strategies appropriate to adults and older adult age groups as individuals in a nurse-client relationship and in groups.  
4. Engage in the supervisory process in the advanced psychiatric mental health practicum.  
5. Determine the most appropriate placement of individual therapy, group therapy, milieu treatment and community, across the lifespan-based treatment in the context of a total treatment program.  
6. Provide culturally competent care to meet the psychiatric/mental health needs of adults and older adults having diverse backgrounds.  
7. Critically analyze national priorities for adults and older adults in mental health care.  

Upon completion of the clinical practicum, the student will be able, in culturally diverse, populations to:  
1. Perform clinical interviews and complete biopsychosocial assessments with adults and older adults.  
2. Make appropriate DSM-V diagnoses.  
3. Develop treatment plans, recommendations and referrals that are appropriate and congruent with the individual’s age, socioeconomic and cultural background.  
4. Provide, with preceptor approval, initial treatment management including pharmacotherapy and counseling for adults and older adults suffering from mental/emotional distress.  
5. Effectively perform on-going assessments on patients’ progress.  
6. Demonstrate an advanced knowledge base of psychiatric assessment and diagnosis of mental health illnesses.  
7. Apply critical thinking, clinical judgment, and diagnostic reasoning principles to solve hypothetical mental health illnesses.  
8. Integrate relevant research findings in management of selected mental health needs of adults and older adults. |