

Western Kentucky University – School of Nursing

Course Number	NURS 507
Course Title	Advanced Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Assessment, Clinical Interviewing Techniques, and Health Promotion/Maintenance Across the Lifespan
Credit Hour Allocation	1 semester hour (1 didactic hour)
Prerequisites	Admission to graduate Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) program, NURS 503/505
Class Schedule	This is an online course where students' participation is in-class and through the use of Blackboard via Internet technology. Class meets for two (2) Saturdays during the semester: 07/11/15 and 07/25/15 from 10 -12 am CST in Room 2209 at The Medical Center – WKU Health Sciences Complex.

Course Description

Emphasis is on the advanced psychiatric assessment and techniques of interviewing including health promotion/disease prevention skills utilized by the advanced psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner. The population focus approach utilizes the current Diagnostic and Statistical Manual for diagnosing psychopathology through case studies and experiential exercises. Includes the application of health behavior theories when assessing health promotion and/or maintenance in populations.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student:

1. Demonstrates ability to obtain comprehensive psychiatric assessments across the lifespan.
2. Conducts thorough and appropriate psychiatric interviews demonstrating use of critical thinking in the use of therapeutic communication techniques.
3. Applies health behavior theories in advanced psychiatric assessments to promote health promotion and/or maintenance in populations.
4. Applies psychopathology using the current Diagnostic and Statistical Manual in advanced psychiatric assessments.

Additional Course Requirements

- WKU students have free access to **Office 365** at [WKU Software Center](#). Click on the CD labeled WKU Software Center. Log in and follow directions.

- Microsoft Word 2010 or later (NOT Microsoft WORKS, NOT PDF) for submission of papers and assignments and PowerPoint 2010 or later for presentations.
- Blackboard – students must have a working knowledge. A [Blackboard tutorial](#) is available online.

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The best ways to contact me is by email first then attempt another avenue. I check emails daily during the week and every 48 hours on the weekend and recognized holidays. Expected response time is within 48 hours.

Required Textbook(s)

Sadock, B. J., Sadock, V. A, & Ruiz, P. (2015). *Kaplan & Sadock's synopsis of psychiatry: Behavioral sciences/clinical psychiatry* (11th ed.). Philadelphia: Wolters Kluwer.

Morrison, J. R. (2014). *DSM-5 made easy: The clinician's guide to diagnosis*. New York: The Guilford Press

Recommended Textbook(s)

American Psychiatric Association. (2013). *Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders* (5th ed.). Washington, DC: American Psychiatric Publishing.

American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication manual of the American psychological association* (6th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

Important: Please make sure that your APA manual is the **Second Printing** of the 6th edition.

Zuckerman, E. L. (2010). *Clinician's thesaurus: The guide to conducting interview and writing psychological reports*. New York: The Guilford Press.

The [WKU Bookstore](#) has this book in stock or you can purchase these books via an online bookstore.

Withdrawal from an Individual Class (while a term is in progress)

For various reasons, it is sometimes necessary for a student to withdrawal. Students will receive a failing grade if they cease to attend class without an official withdrawal from the Office of the Registrar. The last day to drop this course with a "W" is listed in the [registration guide](#) on the WKU.edu website under Quick Links. Students may withdraw from a full-semester course and will receive a 'W' as a grade. The student should notify the instructor of the class AND their adviser in writing so that the student's plan of study can be reviewed and revised. Failure to follow this

procedure could result in the student's failure to progress through the program in a timely manner.

Communication

Communication includes verbal, non-verbal, Blackboard, Medatrax, and WKU email. All communication will be respectful and professional. Blackboard, Medatrax, and WKU email communication will be written in a formal business format (clear heading, salutation, concise content, and appropriate closing). Assignments and face-to-face classes will be posted in the course syllabus, **in Medatrax**, and/or in the Blackboard course. Email messages will be sent to individuals and groups of students via Blackboard to only WKU email addresses. Grades will be posted in the Grade Center on the Blackboard course site. Any discussion/concern about a grade must be put in writing via WKU email to the instructor within one week of when the grade is posted to Blackboard.

Course Policies

Academic policies found in the Graduate Handbook and the WKU Graduate Catalog will be followed in this course.

- **American Psychological Association (APA) format (*in-text citations and references*)** is required for written assignments.
- All students are responsible for keeping a copy of written assignments uploaded to Blackboard Discussion for grading.
- All students are responsible for assuring that Blackboard Discussion assignments are successfully uploaded for grading.
- A 5-point deduction will be earned if your name is not on your work.
- Policy on written assignments: All students are required to meet pre-established deadlines for assignments.
- Late assignment will NOT be accepted UNLESS arrangements PRIOR to pre-established deadlines have been negotiated with faculty. Please DO NOT request an assignment extension unless ***an unforeseen accident or illness*** occurs. Student's failure to plan ahead, vacations, and working at your job are not acceptable reasons to ask for an extension, as these reasons do not meet the requirements of an unforeseen event.

Attendance and Online Course Requirements

This course incorporates instructor guided synchronous experiential learning through Face-to-Face and Adobe Connect classrooms with students evaluating and discussing PMHNP course topics via classrooms.

Specifically students are expected to:

- Read each module's assignments,
- Log in a minimum of 3 times per week,
- Follow the Class Schedule and Rubrics for class readings and assignments, and
- **Plan to spend 3-hours a week plus your required preparation time to complete weekly assignments.** Substantive preparation and participation during the course is important for student's scholarly work and class learning.

Evaluation Methods	
Regular and active student participation in F2F and virtual classroom settings are essential and important aspects of this course. While the online format allows for a great deal of flexibility, this does not detract from the importance of student participation. Although there is no formal paper in this course, you should expect more reading and application than a traditional face-to-face course. All coursework must be completed to pass NUR 507. <i>A student may not obtain the necessary points desired and then decide to forego submitting further assignments or participating in discussion boards.</i>	
Ψ Interview Template, Part 1	25 Points
Ψ Interview Template, Part 2 (include Part 1)	25 Points
F2F Class 1 participation	25 Points
F2F Class 2 participation	25 Points
Interview Write-up	50 Points
Interviewer's assessment (interviewee is graded on her/his assessment of interviewer)	25 Points
Interviewer's thoughts on how to improve her/his interviewing process posted in group discussion board.	25 Points
Total Course Points = 200	
Policy on missed or late assignments: A 5-point deduction will be earned for every day that the assignment is late.	

Grading Scale	
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A = 90 – 100	180 – 200 Points
B = 80 – 89	160 – 179.9 Points
Not Passing = < – 59	< 159.9 Points
*Scores are not rounded.	

The final grade in the class must be a “B” to progress in the program. Students failing to obtain a minimum of a “B” should refer to the graduate nursing handbook for conditions of progression, classes that need repeating, and minimum GPA requirements.

Technical Support

It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with technology and Blackboard nuances and observe WKU technology recommendations that can be found on the [Information Technology Department](#) website. The phone number for IT is 270-745-7000. Since this course is web-based, there may be an occasion(s) in which students cannot avoid technical difficulties. **If you are have technical difficulties that interfere with the submission of a timely assignment, you must notify the course instructor via email prior to the deadline and you must include your IT case number**

in your email or a copy of your email from IT that contains your IT case number. Reported technical difficulties will be validated with WKU's IT department.

Required equipment

Microsoft Office 2010: Computer program software, Microsoft Office 2010 or later, is required for viewing the materials in this class. These documents will end in .docx. **You must only use MS Word documents ending in .doc or .docx when submitting required course materials.**

Blackboard: Access to the **WKU Blackboard (Bb)** can be found through the Western Kentucky University homepage by using the *Quick Links drop down box and clicking on My WKU*. You are responsible for checking for course updates and changes and you MUST have a WKU e-mail account/address for rapid communication with the instructor. WKU assigns all students an email account. **It is all students' responsibility to check their WKU email account once every 24 hours for emails and notifications, as well as making sure that their email inbox is not full. All email communication is to be through your WKU email account.**

Campus Resources

As a student in this course, you have access to the [WKU Library](#) and to the [WKU Writing Center](#) either online or in person. Students are expected to utilize the WKU Library for research studies to support their scholarly work. If students have difficulty with syntax, writing, APA citations, and/or APA references, they are expected to seek assistance at the WKU Writing Center.

Student Accessibility Resource Center

In compliance with university policy, students with disabilities who require academic and/or auxiliary accommodations for this course must contact the Office for Student Disability Services in the first floor of the Downing Student Union, Room 1074. The phone number is 270.745.5004 and the email address is sarc@wku.edu. Please DO NOT request accommodations directly from the professor or instructor without a letter of accommodation from the Office for Student Disability Services.

Academic Honesty

"Western Kentucky University nursing students are expected to demonstrate a high standard of academic honesty in all aspects of their academic work and college life. Without intellectual integrity there cannot be genuine learning. Academic dishonesty represents a direct attack on this integrity. In taking tests and examinations, completing homework, laboratory and clinical work, writing papers, and using information technology, students are expected to demonstrate honesty. Cheating, plagiarism or other forms of academic dishonesty will lead to a failing grade on the assignment and/or a failing grade in the course. Repeat occurrences of this type of behavior can result in dismissal from the program" (Western Kentucky University, School of Nursing Student Handbook, 2014, p. 16).

"Academic Dishonesty-Students who commit any act of academic dishonesty may receive from the instructor a failing grade in that portion of the coursework in which the act is detected or a failing

grade in the course without the possibility of withdrawal. The faculty member may also present the case to the Office of the Dean of Student Life for disciplinary sanctions.” “A student who believes a faculty member has dealt unfairly with him/her in a course involving academic dishonesty may seek relief through the Student Complaint Procedure” (Western Kentucky University Graduate Handbook, 2014-2015, p. 41). The Western Kentucky University Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities can be found in the Western Kentucky University Undergraduate Catalog.

Plagiarism

Students’ work is expected to be the result of their own thought, research or self-expression. Plagiarism is the act of presenting the information, ideas, organization or phrase of another source without appropriate acknowledgment or credit given, either intentionally or because of gross negligence. Any act of plagiarism by a nursing student is not acceptable. Abstracted from Western Kentucky University Undergraduate Catalog.

“Plagiarism-Represent written work taken from another source as one’s own is plagiarism. Plagiarism is a serious offense. The academic work of a student must be his/her own. One must give any author credit for source material borrowed from him/her. To lift content directly from a source without giving credit is a flagrant act. To present a borrowed passage without reference to the source after having changed a few words is also plagiarism” (Western Kentucky University Graduate Handbook, 2014-2015, p. 41).

Student work may be checked using plagiarism detection software. A score of zero will be applied to any assignment in which academic dishonesty has occurred. If it is considered cheating in the classroom, then it is considered cheating online. The Western Kentucky University School of Nursing Student Handbook (current issue) governs all policies and guidelines not specifically addressed in this syllabus.

Course Changes:

The faculty member reserves the right to make changes in the syllabus including adding or subtracting assignments or changing due dates if, in the opinion of the instructor, such changes will improve the course and/or enhance student learning. An updated syllabus will be given to students in writing by posting on the class blackboard site in such an event.

Please give me any feedback on the operation of this course as we progress – your feedback is critical to making it the best learning experience for you, your classmates and future classes. I look forward to having you in class and to a great semester!

Warmest regards;

Dr. Lynette Smith