# How to integrate the new PMHNP competencies into current and new

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## **Objectives for Armchair Discussion**

- Identify the key changes in the new PMHNP competencies as well as changes in the Master's and doctoral essentials that impact PMHNP programs
- Discuss how three PMHNP programs integrated competencies and Essentials into the PMHNP curriculum
- Discuss important content topic areas and how they can be included in PMHNP programs across the US

#### Core Competencies and DNP essentials

- Critique and Translates research and other forms of knowledge to improve practice processes and outcomes.
- Assumes complex and advanced leadership roles to initiate and guide change.
- Uses best available evidence to continuously improve quality of clinical practice.
- Integrates appropriate technologies for knowledge management to improve health care.
- Demonstrates an understanding of the interdependence of policy and practice.
- Employs opportunities to influence health policy to reduce the impact of stigma on services for prevention and treatment of mental health problems and psychiatric disorders.

# PMHNP specific competencies for independent practice

- Evaluates the appropriate uses of seclusion and restraints in care processes
- Applies supportive, psychodynamic principles, cognitive-behavioral and other evidence based psychotherapy/-ies to both brief and long term individual practice.
- Demonstrates best practices of family approaches to care
- Applies recovery oriented principles and trauma focused care to individuals
- Uses self-reflective practice to improve care

### PMHNP specific competencies

- Identifies the role of PMHNP in risk-mitigation strategies in the areas of opiate use and substance abuse clients.
- Manages psychiatric emergencies across all settings
- Facilitates the transition of patients across levels of care
- Applies therapeutic relationship strategies based on theories and research evidence to reduce emotional distress, facilitate cognitive and behavioral change, and foster personal growth
- Uses appropriately individualized outcome measure to evaluate psychiatric care

# Our Current Workforce: Healthy Growth



# Content –guide for curriculum

- Scientific Foundations
  - Neurobiology, Genomics, Developmental neuroscience,
  - Interpersonal neurobiology,
  - Trauma informed care, ACES
- Leadership
  - Interprofessional practice competencies
- Quality Competencies
  - QSEN
  - Reflective practice
  - QI process for outcomes of care

# Content –guide for curriculum

- Independent practice (selected examples)
  - Theoretical foundations of trauma focused care and recovery models of care
  - Clinical guidelines
  - Screening tools
  - Theoretical focus of individual, group and family approaches.
  - Genetics
  - · Principles of family dynamics and social support system
  - Standards of practice and clinical guidelines, EBP
  - Safety and continuous quality improvement

#### Innovative Teaching Strategies: Rush

- Standardized patients for Diagnostic/interview Skills testing.
- Progressive case studies for complex patients and therapy models and gero
- Active on-line clinical supervision that spans all quarters
- PMH NPs (or active practitioners) as our clinical supervisors

#### Innovative Teaching Strategies: Rush

- On line clinical scenarios that move student though three case presentations.
- Videos that provide students examples of motivational interviewing, narrative work
- Exemplar videos of diagnostic interview process

## Innovative teaching strategies-UTA

Online multiple choice tests – test bank Online Clinical Decision Making "tests" Disorder specific EB therapy presentations/ lectures Disorder specific SOAP note with online discussion with student moderator Grading rubrics for online discussion

#### Innovative teaching strategies-UTA

Lifespan content in each course Standardized Patient in first course Pre test followed by pharm content (ungraded) Child/adolescent, adult, geri, addiction med management clinical placements Elogs using DSM 5 and coding Therapeutic Moment Map /peer supervision

## Innovative Teaching strategies: University of Colorado

- Blended approach of online materials with 2 days a month of face to face with ITV for distant
- Developmental focus and across settings
- Child/geri specific content
- Full course on therapy alone as focus
- Use of CU developed videos of therapy, suicide assessment, group therapy, child assessment, working with an older adult with dementia

### Innovative Teaching strategies: University of Colorado

- Clinical decision-making for several visits
- Case-based approach with case study postings prior to class
- Use of SKYPE student self interviewing
- Clinical placements in individual, group and some limited family therapy
- Clinical placements in geri
- Clinicals that focus on addiction

# Challenges in Operationalizing New PMHNP Competencies

- Lack of Gero and/or Child psych faculty
- Lack of PMHNP faculty across the country
- How many child/geri clinical hours? Sites?
- Cultivating appropriate psychotherapy skills
- Finding good therapy placements
- Incorporating knowledge of medically ill
- Preparation for online teaching with push for more
  DNP
- DNP competencies in programs that are not DNP as yet or ever?
- Is inpatient clinical placement required?

# **Questions for Discussion**

- Are there particular direct care competencies that have been challenging to operationalize?
- How has curriculum changed if not a DNP program?
- Has the integration of child and gero content been workable?
- What are clinical placement issues for life-span curriculum?
- What are some examples of clinical placements in integrated care settings?