



**UMass Chan**  
MEDICAL SCHOOL

**Tan Chingfen**  
Graduate School  
of Nursing

**N670 (Fall) Course Objectives:**

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Critically evaluate theories and research that address the health care issues across the lifespan with acute, episodic and chronic mental health problems in primary care, mental health facilities, as well as in family and community contexts.
2. Assess the health/mental health needs of persons across the lifespan utilizing the DSM-V classification system, ICD coding, guidelines and assessment tools.
3. Propose culturally and spiritually appropriate and gender-sensitive interventions to promote mental health.
4. Identify emerging issues in the care and treatment of persons with psychiatric and mental health conditions.
5. Develop a philosophy of advanced practice in psychiatric-mental health nursing based on values that support the intrinsic worth and dignity of persons and their families, the holistic tradition of nursing, and interdisciplinary practice.

**N672 (Spring) Course Objectives:**

Upon completion of the course the student will be able to:

1. Apply knowledge of advanced diagnostic skills utilizing the DSM-5 in the care and treatment of adults and older adults with acute and chronic psychiatric and mental health conditions.
2. Critically review and apply evidence-based findings and relevant standards of practice for the care of adults and older adults with psychiatric-mental health conditions.
3. Identify developmentally informed psychotherapeutic interventions for adults and older adults.
4. Evaluate the effectiveness of pharmacological treatment on the constellation of symptom management in the psychiatric-mental health care of adults and older adults.
5. Analyze strategies that foster and promote interdisciplinary team success in the care of adults and older adults with psychiatric-mental health conditions.

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