Montana State University
Doctor of Nursing Practice
Psychiatric Mental Health Specialty

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MSU Responds to the Community

- MSU was approached in 2008
- Former dean Elizabeth Nickles wrote a HRSA grant
  - Current associate dean Dr. Donna Williams continues to write HRSA grants to support the program
- Converted from a Masters degree to a Doctoral degree in 2013
- Offer BSN to DNP part time and full time option
- Offer MN to DNP
What is a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

- A master or doctoral prepared nurse
- Board Certification through ANCC as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) across the lifespan
  - Across the lifespan = treat patients of all ages
- Licensure through the board of nursing
  - Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)
  - Prescriptive Authority
- Continuing education required biannually
MSU Program Changes

Master of Nursing – P/MH Specialty
- Class of 2015 included **Six** students
- **One** student anticipated to graduate December 2016

Doctor of Nursing Practice – P/MH Specialty
- **One** student graduating May 2016
- **One** student anticipated to graduate May 2017
- **Six** students anticipated to graduate May 2018
- **Six** students anticipated to graduate May 2019
Master vs. Doctoral

- Same certification – ANCC – Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
  - Comprehensive exam – oral and written
  - DNP Scholarly project
- Master of Nursing (MS/MSN)
  - Scholarly Project
- Both can apply for licensure through board of nursing
  - Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)
  - Prescriptive Authority
- Both can practice independently in Montana
About the Program at MSU

- 83 Credits
- Advanced health assessment, pathophysiology and pharmacology
- Advanced psychopharmacology
- Four clinical rotations with complimentary didactic content
- Total of at least 675 direct patient care hours
  - Across the lifespan
- Online, asynchronous
- Students can be located anywhere in the US
MSU Future Growth

- **Recruitment**
  - Knowledge of the program
  - Excitement to advance the nursing career
  - Understanding and interest in psychiatry
  - Job opportunities post graduation

- **Retention**
  - Robust learning experiences
  - Adequate and available clinical sites/preceptors
How Can You Help?

- Mentor nurses in your field of work
  - Educate on opportunities
- Set an example in the community
  - Talk positively about the nurse practitioner role
- Offer clinical rotations
  - Psychiatrist, Psychiatric NP, LCPC, LCSW, Psychologist
- Support MSU
Mental Health Provider Shortage

- Graduates can practice independently in rural and suburban areas across Montana
- Provide telepsychiatry to rural and tribal areas
- Provide medication management to children, adults and the elderly
- Provide psychotherapy to children, adults and the elderly
- Work in outpatient and inpatient settings
- Precept future nurse practitioners
Questions?

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