



# 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 graduated 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

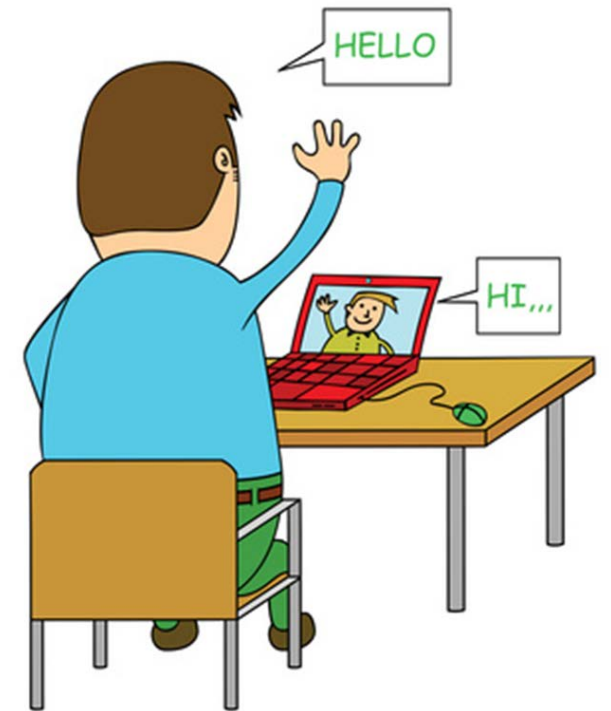
# How Can You Help?

- ▶ 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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