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Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Specialty

<b>What should I do First?</b>	<b>Length of Program?(Part-time options available)</b>	<b>Credential Received</b>	<b>What's Next?</b>
Apply to the Graduate Program in Nursing for the Generic Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Option	PMHNP: 6 semesters	MSN	You are eligible to take the American Nurses Credentialing Center national certification exam to become a certified adult or family psychiatric nurse practitioner
	PMHCNS: 4 semesters	MSN	You are eligible to take the American Nurses Credentialing Center national certification exam to become a psychiatric clinical specialist
Apply to the Undergraduate Program in Nursing in the BSN Accelerated Second Degree Option	4 semesters	BSN	You will be eligible to take the NCLEX exam to become a registered nurse
Apply to the Graduate Program in Nursing for the RN to MSN Option	PMHNP: 8 semesters	MSN	You are eligible to take the American Nurses Credentialing Center national certification exam to become a certified adult or family psychiatric nurse practitioner
	PMHCNS: 6 semesters	MSN	You are eligible to take the American Nurses Credentialing Center national certification exam to become a psychiatric clinical specialist
Apply to the Graduate Program in Nursing for the Post-Master's Certificate Option	15 credit hours	Post-Master's Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	PMHNP: You are eligible to take the American Nurses Credentialing Center national certification exam to become a certified adult or family psychiatric nurse practitioner
Apply to the Graduate Program in Nursing for the Post-Master's Certificate Option	3 semesters	Post-Master's Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	PMHNP: You are eligible to take the American Nurses Credentialing Center national certification exam to become a certified adult or family psychiatric nurse practitioner
			PMHCNS: You are eligible to take the American Nurses Credentialing Center national certification exam to become a psychiatric clinical specialist