



## Post-Graduate Certificate: Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

The Post-Graduate Certificate (PGC): Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) program is designed for RNs who hold a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree or the Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) with a MSN in Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing. Upon successful completion of the program, the student will be eligible to take the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Psychiatric NP Certification Exam.

The program can be completed in 5 consecutive semesters, including summers. If prerequisite courses are required, an additional 2 semesters of study will be added. Specialty courses begin each summer in May and prerequisite courses begin in the fall. *The School of Nursing is in the process of seeking approval to offer this program in a fully online format with synchronous class meetings.* Clinical placement is a collaborative process between the student and faculty.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate Application and \$30 application fee
- Earned MSN degree from CCNE or ACEN accredited institution with minimum 3.0 GPA
- Unofficial transcripts for initial admission
- Two letters of recommendation
- Current Resume/C.V.
- Essay (250-500 words):
  - Why are you choosing to pursue the PMHNP role?
- Unencumbered RN license – multi-state preferred
- Copy of Advanced Practice Nursing certification as applicable. Applicants without national certification will be individually evaluated and must submit evidence of their specialty expertise.
- Documentation of 2,080 [RN](#) or [APRN](#) hours (direct patient care required).
- Interview with graduate nursing faculty will be required
- Language Proficiency Requirement must be met. Submission of TOEFL, PTE, or Duolingo English Test may be required. See our policy for full details: <https://www.su.edu/admissions/international-students>
- Upon admission up-to-date immunizations and health records, a criminal background check, a urine drug screen, and a BCLS from AHA only will be required

### TRANSFER CREDITS

- Only grades of “B” or higher are transferable.
- A maximum of 6 credit hours are transferable.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### WHERE TO BEGIN

- Apply online now by visiting [www.su.edu/sonapp](http://www.su.edu/sonapp).

### CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

The certificate requirement is 24 semester hours with a grade of “B” or better in all courses. Clinical practicum is approximately 600 clock hours. This program offers two tracks depending on the applicant’s experience. Students who need to take prerequisite coursework will have two additional semesters of study.

<b>Courses for Currently Practicing NPs</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Behavioral Neuroscience & Psychopharmacology	3
Foundations of Psychotherapy	3
Mgmt of PMH: Child & Adol. (120 Clinical Hours)	2/2
Mgmt of PMH: Adult (120 Clinical Hours)	2/2
Mgmt of PMH: Geriatric	2
Mgmt Complex Mental Health Lifespan (120 Hours)	2/2
Adv. PMH Practicum (240 Clinical Hours)	4

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**Total** **24**

<b>Additional Courses for Non-NPs</b>	
Advanced Practice Roles, Ethics & Policy	3
Advanced Nurse Practitioner Role Development	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>

<b>Prerequisite Courses (may be required)</b>	
Advanced Pathophysiology (fall only)	3
Advanced Pharmacology (spring only)	3
Advanced Health Assessment (fall and spring)	4

*For International Students who require an F-1, I-20 visa, due to limited on-campus credit hours, F-1 visas **are not** issued for this program.*