# Master of Science in Nursing: Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN): Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) program consists of didactic and clinical course content essential to providing psychotherapy to individuals, families, and groups within hospital and community settings. The PMHNP program also provides the nurse with the necessary biopsychopharmacotherapeutic knowledge and skills regarding differential diagnosis, health promotion, and psychotropic medication (prescriptive authority) for the psychiatric mental health patient across the lifespan. The program can be completed in 2 years full time with summer courses. A part-time program is also available as well.

Cohorts are established annually in the Fall. Core courses are offered on Wednesday and Thursday. Specialty courses are offered either online or in an immersion weekend (Friday-Sunday) format twice a semester. Clinical placement is arranged by the faculty and will be scheduled at the convenience of the facility hosting the student. Course of study makes the graduate eligible to take the ANCC Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner examination.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
- Graduate Application for admission along with a $30 non-refundable application fee
- Earned BSN degree from NLNAC or CCNE accredited institution with minimum 3.0 GPA
- Official transcripts from all institutions of higher education previously attended
- Three letters of recommendation
- Critical thinking essay (2-3 pages, typed)
- Resume/C.V.
- 2,080 RN clinical work hours prior to specialty courses
- Copy of current RN license
- Interview with graduate nursing faculty
- Successful completion of BSN courses in Physical Assessment and Community Nursing, and an undergraduate Statistics course
- TOEFL or IELTS score at acceptable level for Non-Native English Speakers
- 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

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
The degree requirement is 51 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.0 or better. Limit of 1 “C” in core courses. Clinical practicum is approximately 700 clock hours.

### Core Courses
- N 506 Applied Data Analysis & Interpretation I 3
- N 512 Theory, Research, & Reasoning I 3
- N 521 Theory, Research, and Reasoning II 3
- N 532 Roles and Issues in Advanced Practice 3
- N 550 Advanced Pharmacology & Therapeutics 3
- N 560 Advanced Concepts in Physiology & Pathophysiology 3
- NP 570 Applied Pharmacology & Therapeutics 3*
- N 580 Advanced Health Promotion & Assessment Across the Lifespan 4
- NP 580 Advanced Assessment 1*
- NP 690 Advanced NP Role Development 1

**Subtotal** 26

### Specialty Courses
- PMH 645 Individual Therapy Theory 3*
- PMH 650 Individual Therapy Practicum 3*
- PMH 665 Group, Family, and Community Theory 3*
- PMH 670 Group, Family, and Community Practicum 3*
- HP 576 Substance & Relationship Abuse 3
- PMH 685 Geriatric PMH Nursing Theory 3*
- PMH 686 Child & Adolescent PMH Nursing Theory 3
- PMH 695 Advanced Nurse Practitioner Practicum in PMH Nursing 4*

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**Total** 51

* Denotes clinical course, 1 credit hour = 4 clock hours

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**TRANSFER CREDITS**

- Only grades of “B” or higher are transferable.
- A maximum of 12 credit hours are transferable.

**WHERE TO BEGIN**

- Apply online now by visiting [www.su.edu/admissions/graduate-students/nursing-application-information/](http://www.su.edu/admissions/graduate-students/nursing-application-information/)

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