

College of Health Professions - Pace University

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program (MS, CAGS)

About the Program

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) program in the Lienhard School of Nursing, uses a primary health care and lifespan focus to prepare students for advanced practice in psychiatric mental health nursing. Students are prepared to practice in various settings including communities, private practice, institutional settings, substance abuse settings, and shelters.

The program provides health promotion, disease prevention, assessment, and treatment of psychiatric diseases and disorders across the lifespan, with particular attention to health disparities and the care of vulnerable populations. Strategies used will include, but are not limited to, treatment, medication management, case management, individual, family and group therapy.

The program is offered as a Master of Science for those looking to enhance their career or as a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study for those already Mastered prepared as advanced practice nurses.



Program Format

The program is offered in a part-time online format which allows students to earn their degree while maintaining employment. The program is delivered online and includes clinical experiences arranged near the student's home, whenever possible, and scheduled on-campus visits.

Job Placement Projections

The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that the Nurse Practitioner field is expected to grow 35% (37,100 new jobs) nationwide between 2014 and 2024, with an average full-time starting salary of \$102,526.

On-campus visits

MS Students

- New Student Orientation (2 days)
- Pre-Specialty Orientation and Health Assessment Lab (3 days)
- 640A Lab Check out and Prep for First Clinical Semester (2 days)
- 630 Mid-semester Content and Simulation (2 days)
- 631 Mid-semester Content and Simulation (2 days)
- 695 End-semester PMHNP Exam Prep and competency check out (3 days)

CAGS Students

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Curriculum

| Course | Name | Credits Didactical/Clinical | CAGS*** |
|------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------|
| NURS 801 | Underpinning for Advanced Nursing | 3 | |
| NURS 802 | Leadership for Advanced Nursing | 3 | |
| NURS 803 | Advanced Nursing in Primary Health Care | 3 | |
| NURS 804 | Scholarly Inquiry in Advanced Nursing | 3 | |
| NURS 640A | Advanced Physical Assessment | 3 | x |
| NURS 681 | Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nurses | 3 | x |
| NURS 682 | Clinical Pharmacology for NUR Advanced Practice Nurses | 3 | x |
| NURS 629 | Psychopharmacology | 3 | x |
| NURS 633 | Substance Use Disorders and Addiction | 2 | x |
| NURS 630 | Diagnoses and Therapeutic Management in Advanced Practice Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing I | 2 | x |
| NURS 630A | PMHNP Practicum I | 2 | x |
| NURS 631 | Diagnoses and Therapeutic Management in Advanced Practice Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing II | 4 | x |
| NURS 631A | PMHNP Practicum II | 2 | x |
| NURS 695 | Advanced Diagnoses and Therapeutic Management in Advanced Practice Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing | 4 | x |
| NURS 695A | PMHNP Practicum III | 2 | x |
| Total Didactic Credits/Hours | | 42/550 | 30/550 |
| Total Number of Credits | | 42 | 30 |

***Certificate of advanced graduate studies (CAGS) for master's prepared nurses. Credits determined by gap analysis. NURS 803 & NURS 804 or equivalent masters level courses are prerequisites for the CAGS. NURS 640, 681, & 682 are required for all non-nurse practitioners enrolled in the CAGS.

For questions about the PMHNP program, please contact Dr. Krystyna de Jacq, PMHNP Program Director and Assistant Professor, kdejacq@pace.edu.

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For assistance with the graduate application process, please contact Graduate Admissions

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