



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 from a CCNE or ACEN accredited institution with a minimum 3.0 GPA. The program consists of didactic and clinical course content essential to providing differential diagnosis, health promotion, psychotropic medication and psychotherapy services across the lifespan in both hospital and community settings.

Cohorts are established annually in the Summer. The program can be completed full time in 4 consecutive semesters via a hybrid methodology. Clinical placement is a collaborative process between the student and faculty. Upon successful completion of the program, the student will be eligible to take the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Psychiatric NP Certification Exam.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate Application and \$30 application fee
- Earned MSN degree from CCNE or ACEN (previously NLNAC) accredited institution with minimum 3.0 GPA
- Unofficial transcripts for initial admission
- Two letters of recommendation
- Resume/C.V.
- Essay answering the following questions:
 - How will this degree advance your professional goals?
- Unencumbered RN license – multi-state or individual state (must obtain licensure in clinical rotation state)
- 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).
- 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.

CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

Post-MSN Clinical Nurse Specialists in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing

The certificate requirement is 29 semester hours with a grade of “B” or better in all courses. Clinical practicum is approximately 600 clock hours.

Courses	Credits
Behavioral Neuroscience & Psychopharmacology	3
Foundations of Psychotherapy	3
Management of Psychiatric Mental Health: Child & Adol. (120 Clinical Hours)	2/2
Management of Psychiatric Mental Health: Adult (120 Clinical Hours)	2/2
Management of Psychiatric Mental Health: Geriatric	2
Management of Complex Mental Health Across Lifespan (120 Clinical Hours)	2/2
Substance and Relationship Abuse	3
Advanced Nurse Practitioner Role Development	2
Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Practicum (240 Clinical Hours)	4

Total **29**