

Master of Science in Nursing: Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) consists of didactic and clinical course content essential to providing differential diagnosis, health promotion, psychotropic medication management and psychotherapy services across the lifespan in both hospital and community settings. The program can be completed in 7 semesters.

Cohorts are established annually 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 the faculty and clinicals are scheduled at the convenience of the host facility. Upon successful completion of the program, the student will be eligible to take the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner examination.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate application and \$30 application fee
- Earned BSN degree from CCNE or ACEN accredited institution with minimum 3.0 GPA
- Unofficial transcripts for initial admission
- Completion of Health Assessment, Pathophysiology, and Pharmacology courses with grade of “B” or better.
- Completion of undergraduate Statistics course with a grade of “C” or better within the last five years.
- Three recommendation letters
 - One from previous faculty (if graduated in last 5 years)
 - Two professionals who can attest to clinical experience
- Essay (250-500 words):
 - Why are you choosing to pursue the PMHNP role?
- Current Resume/C.V.
- Unencumbered RN license – multi-state preferred
- [Documentation of one year of direct patient care](#) prior to specialty courses
- 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

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The degree requirement is 46 semester hours. Clinical practicum is approximately 600 clock hours.

Courses	Credits
Advanced Practice Roles, Ethics & Policy	3
Advanced Concepts in Physiology & Pathophysiology	3
Advanced Pharmacology & Therapeutics	3
Adv. Health Promotion & Assessment Across Lifespan	4
Evidence Based Research	4
Foundations of Psychotherapy	3
Behavioral Neuroscience & Psychopharmacology	3
Management of PMH: Adult (120 Clinical Hours)	2/2
Management of PMH: Geriatric	2
Management of PMH: Child (120 Clinical Hours)	2/2
Manag. of Complex Mental Health Lifespan (120 Hours)	2/2
Data Interpretation & Informatics	3
Advanced Nurse Practitioner Role Development	2
Advanced PMH Practicum (240 Clinical Hours)	4
Total	46

TRANSFER CREDITS

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

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

WHERE TO BEGIN

- Apply online now by visiting www.su.edu/sonapp.

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