

PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Banner Code: HH-CERG-PMHN

Academic Advising

Website: <https://nursing.gmu.edu/program/view/21578>

This certificate prepares students for the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) role through formal study in the theory and practice of advanced practice psychiatric nursing in a variety of practice settings within the healthcare delivery system. Graduates will be eligible for prescriptive authority and will have the potential to perform a variety of mental health services including medication management and psychotherapy. Course and practice content focus on the assessment and management of serious mental illness.

Certification and Role

Graduates of this post-master's certificate are eligible to sit for the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner national certification examination given by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

Applicants must hold a master's degree in nursing. Applicants must meet the admission standards and application requirements specified in the Graduate Admissions section of the catalog and apply using the Application for Graduate Admission (<https://www2.gmu.edu/admissions-aid>). Acceptance to the nursing program is contingent upon admission to the university. The application process is competitive, and applications are considered for the fall semester only. For application deadlines and detailed application requirements, please refer to CHHS Admissions (<https://chhs.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/standards-requirements-and-deadlines>).

Policies

For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP.6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates.

Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 23

This certificate may be pursued on a full-or part-time basis.

Candidates must complete 23 graduate credits with a minimum GPA of 3.00 in course work and no more than 3 credits with a grade of C to earn the certificate.

Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
NURS 632	Pathogenesis of Mental Disorders	3
NURS 633	Individual Psychotherapy	3

NURS 634	Group, Family and Couple Psychotherapy	1
NURS 743	Clinical Psychopharmacology	3
NURS 782	Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Practicum I	4
NURS 783	Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Seminar I	2
NURS 784	Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Practicum II	5
NURS 785	Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Seminar II	2
Total Credits		23

Additional Coursework for Certification

Applicants who are not already certified as a nurse practitioner will be required to complete the following courses to sit for certification upon graduation:

Code	Title	Credits
NURS 714	Health Assessment in Clinical Practice	2
NURS 724	Health Assessment Practicum	1
NURS 761	Pharmacotherapeutics	3
NURS 769	Physiology and Pathophysiology in Advanced Practice	3
Total Credits		9