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 AP6.8 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

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