

# PSYCHIATRIC/MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER - POST- MASTERS CERTIFICATE (ONLINE)

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**Post Graduate APRN Certificate Program:** This program is for currently certified Master's or doctorally-prepared nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, and certified registered nurse anesthetists who wish to obtain the coursework needed to sit for certification in another specialty. The Post-Graduate certificate consists of 18 credit hours which includes a minimum of 500 clinical hours. When applying to the Post-Graduate APRN Certificate program, please select "Graduate Certificate" in the application system. Please note that the clinical hours are "required" for national certification and cannot be waived or negotiated.

**The Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner** specialty prepares nurses for advanced practice with a focus on mental health issues across the lifespan. The curriculum builds upon four core PMHNP competencies: advanced health assessment (physical and psychosocial); diagnosis (diagnosis of mental disorders, pathophysiology, and neurophysiology); psychotherapy (individual, group, and family); and medication management (pharmacology and psychopharmacology). Other courses develop competencies in health care systems, best-practice research utilization and translation, and health care quality improvement. Graduates are prepared to sit for the Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certification Exam.

For application information, visit the School of Nursing website (<https://schoolofnursing.nmsu.edu/>) or contact the Nursing Graduate Advisor for more information about application and admission requirements at (575) 646-7770.

Prefix	Title	Credits
NURS 6405	Psychopharmacology for Advanced Practice (Optional Elective)	
NURS 6410	PMHNP Across the Lifespan I	3
NURS 6411	PMHNP Across the Lifespan I Practicum	3
NURS 6420	PMHNP Across the Lifespan II	3
NURS 6421	PMHNP Across the Lifespan II Practicum	3
NURS 6350	Health Needs of Special Populations	2
NURS 6430	PMHNP Across the Lifespan III	1
NURS 6431	PMHNP Across the Lifespan III Practicum	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>18</b>