

# 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, including 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 focusing 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 healthcare systems, best-practice research utilization and translation, and healthcare 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) 646-2772.