

# MS in Nursing with Emphasis in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Across the Lifespan)

Students who pursue the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner MS(N) will be prepared to deliver evidence-based advanced mental health care to individuals of all ages (e.g., children, adolescents, and adults) and their families in a variety of healthcare settings, including in rural and under-served populations. The student will engage in independent and interdependent decision-making, managing psychotropic medications, and delivering psychotherapeutic, and psycho-education interventions. In addition, graduates will be prepared to manage clinical efforts in the primary and acute care settings, provide visionary leadership, and implement evidence-based practice.

## Degree Requirements

The MS(N) in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) curriculum provides core master's coursework in combination with PMHNP clinical specialty courses. The specialty courses prepare students to deliver evidence-based advanced primary mental health care to individuals of all ages (e.g., children, adolescents, adults) and their families in a variety of healthcare settings, including in rural and underserved populations.

The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) offers certification as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Across the Lifespan) Board Certified (PMHNP-BC) and American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANPCB) offers certification as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner - Certified (PMHNP-C). Students who have completed a master's degree in nursing in the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner emphasis area are eligible to sit for the exam. Previous graduate-level coursework from another institution may be accepted toward the degree depending upon transcript review. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 in order to graduate.

Students pursuing this degree are required to attend our Graduate Student Success Seminar and Competency Assessments in person on the University of Missouri campus. Please visit the School of Nursing website (<https://nursing.missouri.edu/academic-programs/graduatecourses/>) for details.

Some courses may require synchronous online class meetings. Click here to view our course offering schedule. (<https://nursing.missouri.edu/academic-programs/graduatecourses/>)

### Core Courses

NURSE 7050	Introduction to Scholarly Writing	2
NURSE 7101	Graduate Student Success Seminar	0
NURSE 7110	Advanced Nursing Roles and Professional Communication	2
NURSE 7160	Scientific Foundations for Health Sciences	4

NURSE 8170	Public Health, Sociocultural Issues, and Health Policy	3
NURSE 8910	Translational Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	3
NURSE 8990	Practice Inquiry	1

### Emphasis Area Requirements

NURSE 7102	Level II Competency Assessment	0
NURSE 7120	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	3
NURSE 7130	Advanced Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapeutics	3
NURSE 7140	Advanced Health Assessment and Promotion	3.5
NURSE 8089	Transition to APRN Practice	1
NURSE 8103	Level III Competency Assessment	0
NURSE 8610	Diagnostics and Psychopharmacology for Mental Health Nurses	4
NURSE 8620	Brief Individual and Family Psychotherapy	4
NURSE 8630	Geriatric Mental Health Assessment and Treatment	2.5
NURSE 8635	Assessment and Treatment of Substance Abuse Disorders	2.5
NURSE 8640	Group Therapy and Social Skills Training	3-4
NURSE 8680	Pediatric Mental Health Assessment and Treatment	3.5
NURSE 8980	Advanced Clinical Nursing Practicum	3

## Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans of study can be found on the Sinclair School of Nursing MSN webpage (<https://nursing.missouri.edu/academic-programs/master-of-science-nursing/msn-psychiatric-mental-health-nurse-practitioner/>).

## Admissions

Applicants are required to meet two sets of minimum qualifications for admission: the requirements of the Master of Science program (<https://nursing.missouri.edu/academic-programs/master-of-science-nursing/how-to-apply/>) and the minimum requirements of the Graduate School (<https://gradschool.missouri.edu/admissions/eligibility-process/>). Because requirements vary, you *must* refer to a degree program's graduate admission page to learn about specific admission criteria, application deadlines, eligibility, and application process. Your application materials will be reviewed by both the Graduate School and the degree program to which you have applied before official admission to the University of Missouri.

**Application Deadlines:** After the application deadline, submitted materials will be reviewed. Applicants will receive notification of their acceptance decision within four weeks. Program application timelines vary by emphasis area. Refer to How to Apply (<https://nursing.missouri.edu/academic-programs/master-of-science-nursing/application-process/>) for specific deadlines.

**State Authorization:** Due to higher education regulation changes, the University of Missouri is unable to accept applications for admission to online programs from students residing in various states. You may find more information at this link: <https://online.missouri.edu/about/state-authorization> (<https://online.missouri.edu/about/state-authorization/>).

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