

# 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 24 credit hours, including a minimum of 750 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. We will also need to copies of your syllabi for the three P's (advanced pathophysiology, advanced pharmacology and advanced physical assessment) to ensure that the courses were taught "across the lifespan".

**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) 646-4007.