

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER ONLINE PROGRAM



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The Mount Marty tradition of service learning and outreach to underserved populations stimulated the development of a Master of Science in Nursing program.

Forces that support and demand this program include the need for healthcare, health promotion, and disease prevention in rural and underserved communities. The learning outcomes from the Mount Marty Master of Science in Nursing program are based on The Essentials for Master's Education in Nursing as published by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN, 2011).

Program goals include the development of professional advanced practice nurses who provide holistic care based on nursing theory and evidence-based practice. Mount Marty graduates appreciate the uniqueness of each individual and family, the influence of society, and the multidimensional aspects of health. Program graduates are prepared to meet the psychiatric mental health care needs of a variety of populations and take on active leadership roles in health care.

Program Emphasis: Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Online Program

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners (PMHNPs) are clinical experts prepared to implement a holistic approach to mental health care for individuals, families, groups, and communities. They are trained to use an evidence-based approach to diagnose and treat a variety of mental health conditions through the provision of pharmacotherapy and psychotherapy. The focus of the PMHNP track is to provide the academic knowledge and the clinical skills necessary to provide mental health promotion, disease prevention, assessment, and management of psychiatric illnesses.

Admission Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in nursing from an ACEN or CCNE accredited program
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (official transcripts from all attended institutions are required)
- Current licensure as an RN with at least one year (two years preferred) of professional RN practice
- Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers
- Three letters of recommendation
- Current Resume
- Personal Essay
- Criminal Background Check
- An interview will be conducted with each selected applicant as part of the admission process



The master's degree program in nursing and the post-graduate APRN certificate program at Mount Marty University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791.

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| Semester | Course Number | Course Name | Credits | Clinical Hrs. |
|---|---------------|---|-----------|---------------|
| Summer | NSG 500 | Advanced Practice Roles & Leadership | 3 | |
| | NSG 503 | Advanced Pharmacology Across the Lifespan | 3 | |
| | NSG 504 | Advanced Pathophysiology Accross the Lifespan | 3 | |
| Fall | NSG 502 | Advanced Physical Assessment Across the Lifespan | 4 | |
| | NSG 506 | Inquiry I | 3 | |
| Spring | NSG 507 | Legal/Ethical/Political Issues for APNs | 3 | |
| | NSG 568 | Neuroscience and Pscyopharmacology | 3 | |
| | NSG 587 | Assessment & Diagnosis of Mental Health Disorders | 3 | |
| Summer | NSG 514 | Inquiry II | 3 | |
| | NSG 563 | Psychotherapeutic Modalities | 3 | |
| | NSG 569 | PMHNP Psychotherapy Practicum | 2 | 150 |
| Fall | NSG 564 | PMHNP Care of Pediatrics/Families | 3 | |
| | NSG 565 | PMHNP Pediatrics/Families Practicum | 5 | 300 |
| Spring | NSG 566 | PMHNP Care of Adults/Older Adults | 3 | |
| | NSG 588 | PMHNP Adults/Older Adults Practicum | 5 | 300 |
| | NSG 578 | Transition to Advanced Practice Regitered Nurse (APRN) Role | 1 | |
| Total Credits & Clinical Hours | | | 50 | 750 |

If interested in Post-Graduate Certification, please contact the Mount Marty Nursing Division at (605) 668-1511 to discuss development of a plan of study.

Post-Graduate Certificate Program

The purpose of the post-graduate certificate program is to provide nurse practitioners a route to specialization in an area other than that obtained in their nurse practitioner program. The program is designed to strengthen and broaden the clinical and nursing range of APRN prepared nurses.

Following application submission, a Gap Analysis (NTF Criteria 2022) will be completed. A review of transcripts, cumulative GPA, course syllabi, and clinical hours will be conducted as indicated. After advising sessions, students may be eligible for course substitutions at the discretion of the Track Coordinator and in accordance with Mount Marty policy. Upon completion of this variable-credit program, the graduate will be eligible to take the national PMHNP certification exam.