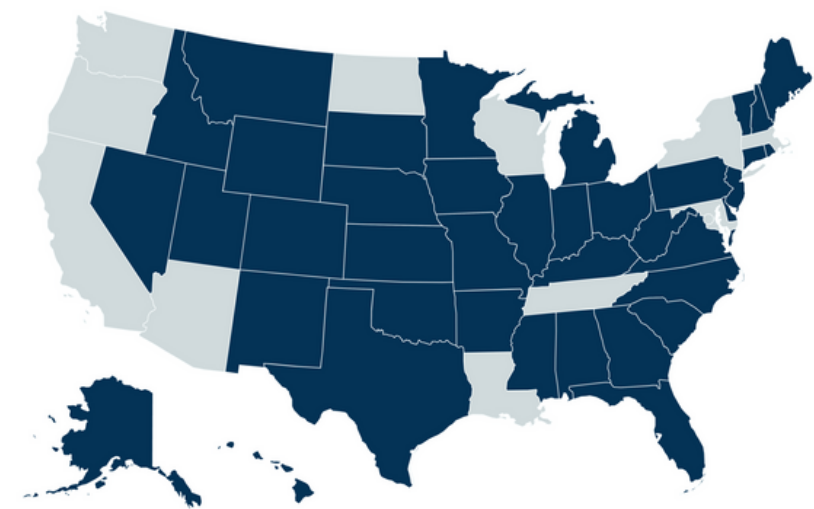


MASTER OF SCIENCE NURSING-PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER



WHERE ARE WE?



- Must have permanent residency in an approved state
- Must have a permanent, active, and unencumbered RN license from an approved state
- Must complete internships in approved state of residence

***Note: Due to the clinical requirements of this degree program the PMHNP is currently NOT available to students who have a permanent residence in the following states: Arizona, California, District of Columbia, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, Tennessee, Washington, and Wisconsin**

LENGTH OF PROGRAM AND START DATES

2.5 years (Standard Path and Pace)
4 Areas of Learning: MSN Core, Nurse Practitioner Core, Specialty Courses, Clinical Internships
30-35 hours of study time/commitment per week



Start dates and deadlines are staggered and subject to change. Ask your WGU Enrollment Counselor about upcoming start dates.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for consideration for admission to the WGU MSN-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program, candidates must satisfy the following requirements (click on the links to learn more):

- [Apply for Admission](#)
- [Create your WGU Student Account](#)
- Bachelor's Degree Verification
 - Send an [official transcript](#) verifying receipt of your bachelor's degree in nursing from a recognized, accredited institution
- [Healthcare GPA Requirement](#)
 - Send [official transcripts](#) from any colleges you have attended verifying completion of the following courses: (Must have a 3.0-on a 4.0 scale-cumulative GPA with a minimum grade of a C- in the following 5 courses OR hold a BSNU degree from WGU)
 - Anatomy and Physiology I w/lab (equivalent to 4 semester hours)
 - Anatomy and Physiology II w/lab (equivalent to 4 semester hours)
 - Statistics (equivalent to 3 semester hours)
 - Human Growth and Development across the Lifespan (equivalent to 3 semester hours)
 - Pharmacology (equivalent to 2 semester hours)
- RN License Verification
 - Possess a current, active, and unencumbered RN License from an approved state. Complete this requirement in your [Enrollment Portal](#)
- Submit a [professional resume/CV](#) outlining your academic, professional and service history
- Submit an [Application Essay](#) detailing your experience in nursing and explaining why you want to become a PMHNP. This document helps us understand your unique situation and personal goals
- Provide 3 Letters of Recommendation:
 - A supervisor or manager who directly supervised you in a clinical setting
 - A professor, faculty member, or academic advisor who can provide meaningful input regarding your academic record
 - A Board Certified practicing healthcare provider (APRN, NP, DO, MD, PA) who has served as a mentor or whom you have shadowed, preferably in the specialty to which you are applying to
 - Access the Letter of Recommendation request form through your [Enrollment Portal](#)
- Professional Licensure Disclosure (complete this requirement in the [Enrollment Portal](#))
- Submit a [Criminal Background Check](#) (students may complete this step once offered acceptance)

CLINICAL EXPECTATIONS

The WGU PMHNP program culminates with three clinical internship courses that together consist of 650 precepted direct patient care clinical hours. You will work with preceptors in your local community, as available. To do so, you will need to be in clinical sites that allow you access to patients across the entire lifespan, with sufficient experiences in treating the wide variety of patients experiencing mental illness, substance abuse, and other mental health challenges.

Acceptable clinical internship placements include outpatient psychiatric practices, inpatient psychiatric practices, and substance abuse treatment centers.

CLINICAL HOURS

Students must complete 650 direct patient care clinical hours. The Standard pace of the program is to spend 3-4 days a week, until you total 650 hours



If you choose to complete the clinical hours on a part-time basis, then you will spend 1-2 days a week, until you total 650 hours. This will extend the program to 3 years (6 terms)