OVERVIEW
The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Post-MSN/DNP Certificate is designed for graduate-prepared nurse practitioners (NP) or clinical nurse specialists (CNS) who are seeking to expand their roles via nurse practitioner certification in Psychiatric Primary Care.

The curriculum includes foundational and psychiatric primary care content providing students with the advanced practice skills to effectively manage persons with psychiatric disorders across the lifespan. Emphasis is placed on psychobiologic diagnosis and treatment, including psychotherapies for these individuals and their families to promote mental health and prevent subsequent mental disorders.

Clinical experiences are designed so that students provide comprehensive physical and psychiatric management to psychiatric clients in intensive and varied clinical experiences. Culminating clinical management practice provides students with the opportunity to synthesize and integrate concepts from primary health care with their psychiatric knowledge base.

Graduates are eligible to sit for the national certification exam in Psychiatric-Mental Health offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). After passing the exam, the graduate should consult the licensing board of the state in which they intend to practice for legal (credentialing) and practice information.

CURRICULUM FORMAT
- Onsite
- Full-time or Part-time (length depends on prior academic preparation)
- 34 credits* (includes 640 clinical hours)
- Curriculum Plans: Full-time (nursing.pitt.edu) / Part-time (individualized with program coordinator)
- Rolling admissions

PROGRAM OUTCOMES
Graduates of the PMHNP Post-MSN/DNP Certificate are prepared to:
- Provide comprehensive care to psychiatric clients
- Conduct psychotherapies for psychiatric clients and their families

ADMISSION CRITERIA
- Current RN license in U.S. state/territory or locale where student will complete clinical requirements
- \( \geq 3.0 \) GPA in MS, MSN or DNP as a NP or CNS from ACEN, NLN, ACICS, or CCNE accredited program
- Official GRE scores (may be waived if GPA \( \geq 3.5 \))
- Prerequisite statistics course
- Pre-admission interview
- Complete online application: nursing.pitt.edu
- International applicants: nursing.pitt.edu & ois.pitt.edu

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