

PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER (PMHNP), GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Students enrolling in the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Graduate Certificate would already be advanced practice-prepared nurses (Nurse Practitioners/Clinical Nurse Specialists/Certified Nurse Midwives/or Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists).

This 18-credit, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Graduate Certificate prepares students for certification and licensure as Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners. Upon completing the certificate requirements, students will be eligible to sit for the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner exam offered by the American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC) and to apply for licensure in all fifty states.

Admission Requirements

Application Deadlines

Application deadlines vary by program, please review the application deadline chart (<http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines/>) for specific programs. Other important dates and deadlines can be found by using the One Stop calendars (<https://uwm.edu/onestop/dates-and-deadlines/>).

Admission

The admission requirements of the psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner graduate certificate program are consistent with those requirements specified by the Graduate School of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. In addition, students must also meet the following requirements for the College of Nursing:

- A master's or doctoral degree in Nursing from an accredited program providing preparation as a nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse midwife, or certified registered nurse anesthetist.
- Certification in their current advanced practice registered nurse specialty as applicable.
- Completion with a grade of B or better of a graduate-level course in physiology/pathophysiology, pharmacology, and comprehensive health assessment. Evidence of prescriptive authority in the state of Wisconsin will be accepted in place of graduate pharmacology.
- Current registration as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation, two (2) of which are from persons most knowledgeable about the applicant's recent academic and work experiences.
- Personal interviews with a faculty member may be requested.
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV).
- Personal statement that includes rationale for certificate study and career goals.

Application

- Students wishing to obtain this certificate must declare their intention by applying to the program office or director.
- All graduate certificate applicants—even those already enrolled in a UWM graduate program—must apply to the Graduate School through the Panthera Admission Application (<https://graduateschool-apply.uwm.edu/>).

- Graduate degree and previously admitted graduate non-degree students who decide to pursue a certificate program must submit the Panthera application before completing 6 credits in the certificate sequence.
- Applicants must possess a baccalaureate degree and have a minimum 2.75 cumulative undergraduate grade point average to be admitted in to a certificate program.

Credits and Courses

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Graduate Certificate is 18 credits total. All six courses are required. The three theory courses for this certificate will be offered online. The three practicum courses will be completed with a preceptor in a clinical setting. Practicums must be completed within the state of Wisconsin.

Code	Title	Credits
NURS 741	Psychiatric Mental Health Theory I	3
NURS 742	Psychiatric Mental Health Theory I	3
NURS 743	Psychiatric Mental Health Theory III (effective Spring 2019)	3
NURS 781	Psychiatric Mental Health NP Practicum I	3
NURS 782	Psychiatric Mental Health NP Practicum II	3
NURS 783	Psychiatric Mental Health NP Practicum III	3
Total Credits		18

Additional Requirements

Transfer Credit

If approved by the PMHNP faculty, one 3-credit comparable graduate level course from an accredited institution other than UWM may be transferred in to meet requirements of the certificate.

Completion Requirements

Certificate program progression requirements will be consistent with the College of Nursing requirements for progression in graduate level programs. Students must complete all courses with at least a B- or better and a cumulative GPA of a 3.00 or greater in order to progress in program.

Certificate Conferral

The certificate will be awarded upon successful completion of the requirements (i.e., once all grades for the certificate courses are officially recorded with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or more). Successful completion of the certificate program will be noted on the student's official transcript.

Time Limit

It is expected that students will complete the certificate in one year from time of enrollment.

Articulation with Degree Programs

1. Credits and courses required for a certificate may double count toward meeting UWM graduate degree requirements subject to the following restrictions:
 - Degree programs must approve the courses from certificates that can double count toward the degree.
 - All credits taken in completion of certificate requirements may count towards a UWM graduate degree as long as they do not contribute more than 90% of the total credits needed to obtain the

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degree. (Note: Students in PhD programs must still complete the minimum residency requirements)

- Certificate courses used toward meeting degree requirements must be completed within the time limit for transfer credit.
2. Courses completed for a degree may be counted toward a subsequent certificate, subject to all certificate policy requirements.
 3. A course may count toward no more than one certificate and one degree.
 4. Students may not earn a certificate subsequent to a concentration in the same area.