



Post-master's Certificate Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)

Specialize in advanced psychiatric and mental health care

Access to quality mental health care plays a vital role in overall health and wellbeing. Goodwin University's post-master's Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) certificate is designed for master's prepared nurses who want to specialize in psychiatric and behavioral health — without pursuing an additional master's degree. This focused certificate pathway prepares you to take on advanced responsibility in mental health assessment, diagnosis, and treatment, equipping you to serve individuals and communities facing complex mental health needs.

Provide comprehensive mental health care

As a PMHNP, you'll provide comprehensive psychiatric care to individuals across a wide range of ages and mental health needs. This advanced practice role allows you to combine clinical expertise with empathy and advocacy, helping patients navigate mental illness while supporting recovery, stability, and long-term wellness. PMHNPs also serve as essential voices in addressing mental health stigma and improving access to care across healthcare systems.

Prepare for advanced psychiatric practice

Goodwin's post-master's PMHNP certificate builds on your graduate nursing education to strengthen the specialized skills required in mental health care. Through advanced coursework, you'll deepen your expertise in psychiatric assessment, diagnostic reasoning, and treatment planning for complex behavioral health conditions. Throughout the program, our experienced Nursing faculty provide guidance, mentorship, and support as you prepare to transition confidently into advanced psychiatric practice.

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Course requirements: 32 credits

MSN 520	Neuropsychopharmacology	3
MSN 605	Current Concepts and Professional Roles in Advanced Practice Nursing	3
MSN 655	Assessment, Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Health	3
MSN 665	PMHNP I: Advance Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Care for the Adult	7
MSN 675	PMHNP II: Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Care for Children and Older Adults	7
MSN 685	PMHNP III: Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Care of the Complex Patient	7
MSN 698	Advanced Practice Capstone-Clinical Application on Population Health	2

Total credits: 32



Learn more about applying to our post-master's PMHNP certificate program!

Possible workplaces include:

- Acute or urgent care center
- Correctional facilities
- Hospitals
- Long-term care facilities
- Private clinics
- And more!

All PMHNP students need to complete all clinicals in the state of CT and maintain a CT license throughout the program.

Support for your transition into mental health practice

Throughout the post-master's PMHNP certificate program, you'll learn alongside faculty with experience in mental health practice who understand the complexities of this field. In addition to faculty guidance, Goodwin offers academic resources and student services designed to support your progress, strengthen clinical confidence, and help you move towards the next step in your career.

Goodwin University is a nonprofit institution of higher education and is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

The master's degree program in nursing (MSN, FNP, PMHNP) at Goodwin University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791. CCNE last granted accreditation to the master's degree program in nursing at Goodwin University for 5 years, extending to June 30, 2030.

*Clinical requires one on-campus immersion experience.