

2. Proposed Starting Date
Fall 2024 Bulletin 2024-25

3. Title of degree program:
Master of Science in Nursing

4. Proposed name of new option/concentration/emphasis/minor:
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

5. Reason for proposed action that includes rationale, goals, and student population served:

According to the American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA), Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners (PMHNPs) are educated, certified, and licensed to assess, diagnose, and treat individuals and families who are diagnosed with psychiatric and/or substance disorders, and those who face other mental health challenges. A PMHNP is a nurse with graduate-level training who provides psychiatric-mental health care while promoting mental health across the lifespan. PMHNPs have the skills to provide holistic care, including prescribing medication and conducting individual, family, and group therapy. Due to the rapidly changing healthcare environment and increased complexity of patient needs PMHNPs may be needed in a variety of health care environments, including hospitals, outpatient facilities, community mental health clinics, nursing homes, skilled nursing facilities, and other specialty/ subspecialty clinics. The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) concentration will provide the student with a variety of didactic and clinical experiences. These experiences will prepare the graduate to incorporate complex practice skills and theoretical knowledge necessary for roles in advanced nursing and management of complex psychiatric symptoms in a variety of health care settings. It will also prepare nurses for leadership roles in the contemporary health care system and provide a foundation for doctoral study in nursing. Prior to starting the program students would be required to have previously earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and hold an active/unencumbered RN license in their state of practice. The program would admit cohorts starting in fall 2024 and offer full time, part time and PMC options. The PMHNP concentration would be a 47.5-credit hour program spanning 5 semesters or 2 calendar years. The PMC option would be 24-32.5 credits over 1-2 years. The 47.5 credit hours would include seven courses that are currently offered in the Master of Science in Nursing program for alternate concentrations. Fourteen new courses would be introduced, with 6 of those courses identified as clinical internship courses (12 credit hours or 720 clock hours). This Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program would be built in compliance with standards set forth by the Accreditation of Commission for Education in Nursing. Upon completion of this specialty program, students would be eligible to apply for national certification through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

6. Provide the following:

- a. Curriculum outline - List of courses in new option/concentration/emphasis/minor – Underline required courses

NURS 6402 Role Development in Advanced Nursing
NURS 6203 Theory Development in Nursing
NURS 6303 Health Care Issues and Policy
NURS 6023 Advanced Assessment and Diagnostic Evaluation
NURS 6013 Advanced Clinical Pharmacology
NURS 6003 Advanced Clinical Physiology
NURS 6103 Research Design and Methodology

NURS 6063 Psychotherapy for Clinical Practice
NURS 6073 Advanced Psychopharmacology

NURS 631V PMHNP Seminar I (1.5)
NURS 632V PMHNP Seminar II (1.5)
NURS 633V PMHNP Seminar III (1.5)
NURS 634V PMHNP Seminar IV (1.5)
NURS 635V PMHNP Seminar V (1.5)
NURS 636V PMHNP Seminar VI (1.5)

NURS 6112 PMHNP Practicum I
NURS 6122 PMHNP Practicum II
NURS 6132 PMHNP Practicum III
NURS 6142 PMHNP Practicum IV
NURS 6152 PMHNP Practicum V
NURS 601V PMHNP Practicum VI (2.5)

- b. Total semester credit hours required for option/emphasis/concentration/minor
47.5
- c. Student demand (projected enrollment) for program option

**Master of Nursing with Psychiatric Mental Health
Student Demand**

There were **208** completions in 2021 for nurse practitioner programs.

Master **completions** grew **285%** 2017-2021.

Regionally, **5** institutions offer this PMHNP program, but only **2** have distance offered programs.

Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse/Nursing (CIP: 51.3810 [CIP user site \(ed.gov\)](#)) is the **top performing** program regionally.

Nursing Program Demand for Master completions grew **643%** 2012-2021.

Institutions offering this program grew **150%** 2017-2021.

Distance offered programs made up for **69%** of 2021 completions.

Maryville University of Saint Louis holds the market share and **offers** a distance learning program.

Occupational Demand Employment for this program is projected to grow **22%** from 2021 to 2031.

There were over **43K** jobs in the region in 2021.

Annually there are over **3.5K job openings** for graduates of this degree.

To keep pace with the projected **22%** growth regionally, and **24%** growth nationally in career; **completions** for PMHNPs **must increase**.

7. Will the new option/emphasis/concentration/minor be offered:

- a. **Traditional/Face-to-face** No
- b. **Distance/Online** Yes
- i. **If yes, indicate mode of distance delivery, and the percentage of courses offered via this modality (<50%, 50-99%, or 100%).**
100%
- ii. **If online, will it be offered through Global Initiatives/Academic Partnerships (AP)?**
Yes

8. Specify the amount of the additional costs required, the source of funds, and how funds will be used.

Funding will be provided by AOS for this program.

Bulletin Changes

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