

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner



Become a leader in mental health care and treatment.

Use your knowledge and skills to improve patients' quality of life. Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners' treatment enables patients to manage and more fully participate in life and society.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, mental illnesses affect tens of millions of people annually. However, estimates are that 50% of those affected do not receive treatment. While several factors contribute to the lack of treatment, the shortage of clinicians and their inequitable distribution across the U.S. are major contributors.

Make a Difference

Rivier's Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) program qualifies you to assess, diagnose, and treat the mental health needs of patients across the lifespan. PMHNPs prescribe medication and administer psychotherapy as part of their patients' treatment plans. Most PMHNPs maintain their own medical practices, but some work under the supervision of a physician according to individual state guidelines. With proper treatment, fewer patients risk homelessness, incarceration, violent episodes, victimization, and suicide.

Choose Rivier

This MSN degree offers a combination of advanced theory and clinical education. Through coursework and hands-on clinical experiences, you'll gain the knowledge, skills, and confidence to practice with autonomy. Multiple term starts and courses are offered in 14-week terms.



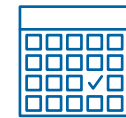
Course Format

Online and
three weekends
on campus



#1 Ranked

nursing school
in New Hampshire



Estimated Program Length

dependent on
entry path



Top 50 Ranked

private nursing
school in the nation



43 Credits

to complete
program



Multiple Entry Points

based on degree entry





Course of Study

PREREQUISITE COURSE

Undergraduate Statistics (or evidence of successful completion).

CORE REQUIREMENTS

NURS 507	Advanced Pathophysiology
NURS 502	Psychopharmacology
NURS 516	Advanced Health Assessment
NURS 517	Advanced Role of the Nurse
NURS 518	Advanced Pharmacology
NURS 520	Advanced Psychiatric Nursing Theory I
NURS 521	Advanced Psychiatric Nurse Practicum/Seminar I
NURS 522	Advanced Psychiatric Nursing Theory II
NURS 523	Advanced Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Practicum/ Seminar II
NURS 525	Advanced Psychiatric Nurse Practicum/Seminar III
NURS 601	Quality Healthcare Improvement
NURS 602	Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing & Healthcare
NURS 606	Research Capstone Advisement
NURS 620	Biostatistics for the Health Sciences

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Students may take four courses (12 credits) from a list of specific courses prior to matriculating.
- Students must follow their Program of Studies when registering for courses. If students wish to make a change to their Program of Studies, they must request the change in writing to the Graduate Nursing Education Program Director.
- Students must complete clinical/practicum requirements four months prior to practicum courses.

The University reserves the right to make changes when appropriate and necessary as needed without notification. (0825)

MSN Program Start Dates

Three term starts per year allow you to begin your program in September, January, or May. Completed applications are reviewed as they are received throughout the year.

Accreditation

Rivier University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).



Registered nurses (RN) who complete this advanced degree coursework and clinical education are qualified to sit for the national exam to become a board-certified PMHNP-BC. Rivier University's ASN, BSN, MSN, Post-Master's Certificates, and DNP programs located in Nashua, New Hampshire, are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326, (404) 975-5000.



The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the master's nursing program is Continuing Accreditation. View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at rivier.edu/ACEN.

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