

FNP, AG-ACNP, PMHNP, and NE



Enhance your credentials and advance your career.

Post-master's certificate programs build your clinical skills and knowledge and provide the opportunity for you to take on new challenges and redefine your career path.

Rivier offers four post-master's nursing certificates—Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), Adult Gerontology–Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AG-ACNP), Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP), and Nursing Education (NE)—to RNs that have already earned an MSN degree. Completion of these certificates prepares graduates to sit for national board certification exams.

Pursue a New Professional Direction

Post-master's certificates allow you to expand your career path while building on your existing expertise. The Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate and the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate are both lifespan certifications, preparing you to provide care from infancy through older adulthood. The Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Certificate focuses on patients ages 17 and older, addressing acute and complex health conditions. Completing the Nursing Education Certificate enables you to share your knowledge and experience with the next generation of nurses.

Choose Rivier

Online classes provide added flexibility to accommodate your busy schedule and learning preferences. Courses are offered in 14-week terms; 14-week terms are offered once per semester in the fall, spring, and summer.



Course Format

Online and select
days on campus



#1 Ranked

nursing school
in New Hampshire



Estimated Program Length

FNP, PMHNP, NE – 1.5 years
AG-ACNP – 2.5 years



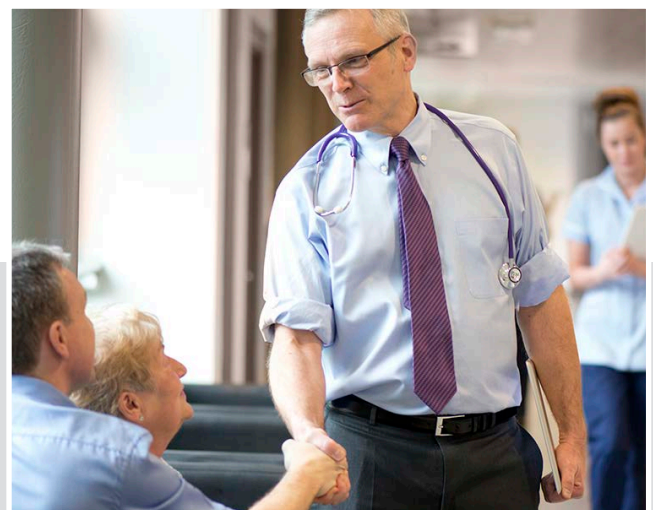
Top 50 Ranked

private nursing
school in the nation



Total Program Credits

varies based on
degree entry



Course of Study

ADULT GERONTOLOGY – ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATE

Students are required, minimally, to complete these courses:

NURS 630	Acute Care Theory I
NURS 631	Acute Care Theory II
NURS 635	Acute Care Skills Lab I
NURS 636	NSG Acute Care Skills Lab II
NURS 638P	Acute Care Practicum I
NURS 638S	Acute Care Seminar I
NURS 639P	Acute Care Practicum II
NURS 639S	NSG Acute Care Seminar II
NURS 640P	Acute Care Practicum III
NURS 640S	Acute Care Seminar III

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATE

Students are required, minimally, to complete these courses:

NURS 510	Advanced Family Nursing Theory I (unless already completed)
NURS 511	Family Nurse Practitioner Practicum I and Seminar
NURS 512	Advanced Family Nursing Theory II (unless already completed)
NURS 513	Family Nurse Practitioner Practicum II and Seminar
NURS 515	Family Nurse Practitioner Practicum III and Seminar

PSYCHIATRIC/MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATE

Students are required, minimally, to complete these courses:

NURS 502	Psychopharmacology
NURS 520	Advanced Psychiatric Nursing Theory I (unless already completed)
NURS 521	Advanced Psychiatric Nurse Practicum/Seminar I
NURS 522	Advanced Psychiatric Nursing Theory II (unless already completed)
NURS 523	Advanced Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Practicum/Seminar II
NURS 525	Advanced Psychiatric Nurse Practicum/Seminar III

NURSING EDUCATION CERTIFICATE

Students are required, minimally, to complete these courses:

NURS 550	Curriculum Development in Nursing
NURS 552	Technology in Nursing Education
NURS 559P	Advanced Clinical Education Practicum
NURS 559S	Advanced Clinical Education Seminar
NURS 615	Advanced Health Assessment for Nurse Educators
NURS 616	Assessment and Evaluation in Nursing Education

Note: Individual programs of study will be determined as part of the application process based on each student's previous studies and clinical experience. Nursing practicums may be completed in student's geographic location.

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).



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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