Master of Science in Nursing

# Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Rivier UNIVERSITY

## Prepare for Advanced Practice in Mental Health Care

Advance from registered nurse to psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner through a flexible, online program designed for working nurses. Gain the knowledge, clinical experience, and confidence to assess, diagnose, treat, and manage mental health conditions across the lifespan.

Rivier's PMHNP program combines online convenience with personalized faculty mentorship and comprehensive clinical preparation. The curriculum prepares graduates to sit for the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) certification exam and pursue board certification as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC).

### Meeting your needs as a working nurse

#### Start When You're Ready

With three start dates each year (fall, spring, and summer), you can begin when the time is right for you.

#### Multiple Entry Paths

In addition to the MSN for BSN prepared nurses, Rivier offers additional pathways for ASN prepared nurses and RN's with Bachelor's degree outside of nursing.

#### Exceptional Certification Outcomes

Rivier graduates exceed the national average for first-time pass rate.

### Advance Your Career and Earning Potential

Nurse practitioners earn a **median annual salary of $135,000 and top salary of $174,000** nationwide, and jobs are projected to grow significantly faster-than-average in the next decade in roles including:

- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Behavioral Health Provider
- Community Mental Health Practitioner
- Integrated Care Provider
- Telehealth Mental Health Provider
- Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Substance Use Treatment Provider
- Behavioral Health Program Leader



**Online**
with 3 on-campus weekend intensives

**43 Credits**

Complete in
**2 Years**

**3 Start Dates**
per year

ACEN
**Fully Accredited**

**Affordable Tuition**
and Employer Discounts

## Master of Science in Nursing: Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Curriculum

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| NURS 507 | Advanced Pathophysiology | 3 |
| NURS 502 | Psychopharmacology | 1 |
| NURS 516 | Advanced Health Assessment | 3 |
| NURS 517 | Advanced Role of the Nurse | 1 |
| NURS 518 | Advanced Pharmacology | 3 |
| NURS 520 | Advanced Psychiatric Nursing Theory I | 3 |
| NURS 521 | Advanced Psychiatric Nurse Practicum/Seminar I | 5 |
| NURS 522 | Advanced Psychiatric Nursing Theory II | 3 |
| NURS 523 | Advanced Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Practicum/Seminar II | 5 |
| NURS 525 | Advanced Psychiatric Nurse Practicum/Seminar III | 5 |
| NURS 601 | Quality Healthcare Improvement | 3 |
| NURS 602 | Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing & Healthcare | 3 |
| NURS 606 | Research Capstone Advisement | 2 |
| NURS 620 | Biostatistics for the Health Sciences | 3 |
| | **Total: 43 credits** | |

*Prerequisite: Undergraduate statistics course*

## MSN Pathways for Associate Prepared RNs

In addition to the 43-credit MSN-PMHNP program, Rivier offers additional pathways for Registered Nurses who have earned ASN degrees. These pathways are 49 credits and can be completed in as little as 28 months or part-time at your own pace:

- **RN-MS Entry Path:** For experienced RNs with an ASN degree
- **Bridge Option:** For RNs with a Bachelor's degree outside of Nursing

## Real-World Clinical Experience

You will complete 750 hours of supervised clinical experiences in mental health care settings where you will develop advanced assessment, diagnostic, treatment, psychotherapy, and patient management skills while caring for individuals across the lifespan.

## Graduate Ready for Certification

Rivier MSN-PMHNP graduates achieved a 89.2% first-time certification pass rate between 2023-2025, significantly exceeding the national ANCC first-time pass rate of 82%. When you choose Rivier, you're choosing a program focused on preparing confident, certification-ready nurse practitioners.

## Earn Your MSN-FNP with Confidence

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

The MSN-PMHNP program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for the Education in Nursing (ACEN), reflecting the highest standards in nursing education.

*The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners (3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326, (404) 975-5000) for the Master's nursing program is Continuing Accreditation.*

## Admissions Process

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. View streamlined admissions requirements and application process at **rivier.edu/admissions/graduate**.

## Quick Links

**Ask a Question**
admissions@rivier.edu

**Schedule a Visit**
events.rivier.edu

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rivier.edu/team

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rivier.edu/tuition

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