

# Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

There is a critical shortage of health care providers that specialize in mental health services. Statistics indicate that there is a great need for professionals that are trained in assessing, diagnosing, planning, intervening and treating clients with mental illness. Be a part of the solution by learning how to provide psychiatric care using psychopharmacological and psychotherapeutic treatments for individuals, families and groups.



## Care for the whole person.

At Regis University, our mission demands that every individual's human dignity is respected, the whole person is cared for and the most marginalized of our society are served. As a student in the M.S. in Nursing: Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program, you'll gain the skills necessary to assess, diagnose, plan, intervene and treat clients with mental illnesses.



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Source: The National Council for Behavioral Health



**MILLION**

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AMERICA WITH AN IDENTIFIED  
MENTAL ILLNESS**

Source: American Psychological Association

## Post-Master's Certificate

**Psychiatric Mental Health  
Nurse Practitioner**

The Post Master's Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health is an ideal solution if you already have an M.S. in Nursing degree or equivalent and want to become a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner.

A degree evaluation is needed to determine the number of courses required for certificate completion. Total certificate requirements are 19-31 credit hours.

**You  
might be  
wondering:**

### **IN WHAT FORMAT ARE CLASSES HELD?**

Classes are held in a synchronous format, meaning you'll attend class at a designated time, 1x per week in a web-based classroom.

### **WHEN CAN I START?**

The PMHNP program starts once a year in May.

# Degree Plan

## SEMESTER 1

Summer

6 credit hours

NR 600 Advanced Practice Leadership and Theoretical Frameworks

NR 605 Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice

## SEMESTER 2

Fall

7 credit hours

NR 607 Pharmacology for Advanced Practice

NR 630 Advanced Practice Assessment

## SEMESTER 3

Spring

10 credit hours

NR 608 Health Care Policy

NR 670 Psychopharmacology for Advanced Practice in Psychiatric Nursing

NR 671 Psychiatric Assessment and Psychopathology Across Life Span

## SEMESTER 4

Summer

8 credit hours

NR 602 Research in Nursing

NR 672 Psychiatric Mental Health Advanced Practice I Completion of clinical hours

## SEMESTER 5

Fall

8 credit hours

HCE 604 Ethics in Society

NR 673 Psychiatric Mental Health Advanced Practice II Completion of clinical hours

## SEMESTER 6

Spring

8 credit hours

NR 651 Professional Integration

NR 674 Psychiatric Mental Health Advanced Practice III

NR 699 Comprehensive Evaluation Completion of clinical hours

**TOTAL: 47 CREDIT HOURS**

## Ready to get started?

Your Regis admissions counselor will work with you one-on-one. We'll help you choose the program that fits your goals, find options that save time and money, and help you through your online application.

### Contact

ruadmissions@regis.edu  
800.944.7667

### Ready to apply?

regis.edu/apply

## CLINICAL ROTATIONS

Clinical experiences begin during the fourth semester (second year) and are divided between the last three semesters of the program. The clinical experience encompasses 630 hours and apply theory to authentic learning experiences.

## What You'll Need:

### TO APPLY:

- Complete online application through NursingCAS
- Official degree-bearing transcript(s)
- 3 professional letters of recommendation (one from your current employer or supervisor)
- Resume
- Essay
- Virtual Interview for Invited Candidates

### ELIGIBILITY:

- Nursing bachelor's degree from an NLN or AACN-CCNE accredited program
- Minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.75 or above, with a grade of C or better in all nursing courses
- Completion of a statistics course with grade of C or better (must be taken prior to NR 602)
- Active RN license
- Current AHA Basic Life Support (BLS) certification
- Two years of experience in behavioral health or community health as an RN (required)

### IMPORTANT DATES:

**Application opens:** September 1

**Application deadline:** December 1

**Virtual Interview Day:** mid-to-late January

### TUITION AND FEES

Tuition for this program for the 2022-2023 academic year is:

- \$937 per credit hour

For information on program specific fees visit [regis.edu/cost](http://regis.edu/cost). Tuition and fees are subject to change.

To learn about financial aid options available, contact the financial aid office at 800.568.8932 or visit [regis.edu/financialaid](http://regis.edu/financialaid). If you are an active duty military member or veteran, visit [regis.edu/preferred-military](http://regis.edu/preferred-military) to find out more.

Regis University is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science degree in Nursing, and Doctor of Nursing Practice programs at Regis University's Loretto Heights School of Nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

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