

# Advanced Graduate Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

## Plan Description

Individuals who already have a graduate degree in nursing and meet the admission qualifications will be allowed to take courses as a non-degree student. No degree will be awarded, but a certificate documenting completion of the course work will be provided and transcripts showing completion of the courses will be available. Each individual applicant will be evaluated to determine the courses required in order to complete the specific certificate program. Additional courses beyond the minimum courses needed for the certificate program may be required if the applicant's earned graduate degree in nursing lacks courses required by the UNLV School of Nursing.

For more information about your program, including your graduate program handbook and learning outcomes, please visit the Degrees Directory.

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## Plan Admission Requirements

Application deadlines

Applications available on the UNLV Graduate College website.

All applicants must review and follow the Graduate College Admission and Registration Requirements.

Students must apply and submit all admission materials via the Grad Rebel Gateway system available through the Graduate College.

The following items are required:

Official transcripts of all course work for both baccalaureate and graduate degrees must be sent to the School of Nursing and Graduate College. Transcripts must show coursework in Advanced Physical Assessment, Advanced Pathophysiology, and Advanced Pharmacology. Additionally, if unofficial transcripts are available to the student, please upload to the Grad Rebel Gateway application. Nursing course work must have been completed at a nursing program accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

Three letters of recommendation from either instructors or employers that speak to the applicant's potential to complete the Advanced Graduate Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program.

Current resume or curriculum vitae (CV).

Current valid unencumbered and unrestricted RN license in state of residence.

Statement of 300 words describing the students' professional goals and reason for seeking a nurse practitioner certificate.

Interviews may be required.

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Students are accepted into a certificate program as described in the Graduate Catalog. The faculty and corresponding sub-disciplines and sub-plans within the described programs are subject to change at any time.

## Plan Requirements

Total Credits Required: 28

## Course Requirements

### Required Courses – Credits: 28

NURS 701 Diagnostic Reasoning and Clinical Decision Making for the APRN	2
NURS 714 Family Theory and Health Promotion	2
NURS 752 Nurse Practitioner Business and Roles	3
NURS 761 Clinical Synthesis	1
NURS 794 Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner I	6
NURS 796 Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner II	8
NURS 799 Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner III	6

## Certificate Requirements

Completion of a minimum of 28 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 3.00.

## Plan Certificate Completion Requirements

The student must submit all required forms to the Graduate College and then apply for graduation in MyUNLV by the appropriate deadline.

## Plan Disclaimer

In Nevada, the educational prerequisites for professional licensure or certification for the Advanced Graduate Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) are an active Nevada RN License, National Certification as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, and graduation from a nationally accredited Nursing Program with a minimum of 500+ hours of direct patient care. The Advanced Graduate Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner does NOT currently satisfy those licensure and certification requirements as this is a new program and a substantive program change form will be submitted to our accrediting body, the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), when the program is implemented. **In addition to Nevada, UNLV School of Nursing currently accepts applicants from Arizona, California, and Utah.** UNLV School of Nursing has not made a determination with respect to the licensure requirements in any other state. As such, Advanced **Graduate Graduate** Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner is not authorized in any other state in ~~which~~ **which** the prospective or enrolled student resides. If you reside in a state other than Nevada or CCNE does not grant accreditation as anticipated, UNLV will refund the applicable application fee in accordance with its procedures. License requirements for other states are being explored. Please check ~~our website~~ **the Graduate College Application Deadline page** for current information about **the** Fall ~~2020~~ application.