



School of Nursing

Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

MSN and Post-Master's Nursing Certificate Programs



Enroll as a nurse. Graduate as a leader.

Demand for nurses prepared at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels is at an all-time high. Our suite of online nursing degrees is designed to help you achieve the clinical and leadership skills needed to care for patients across health care settings.

Online Nursing Degree Programs

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Family (Individual Across the Lifespan) Nurse Practitioner
- Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Executive Nurse Leadership and Health Care Management
- Forensic Nursing
- Nursing Education and Faculty Role

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

- Clinical Leadership
- Executive Nurse Leadership and Health Care Management (Post-Bachelor's & Post-Master's)

PhD

- PhD in Nursing
- PhD in Nursing Ethics

Online Post-Master's Nursing Certificates

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About Duquesne University

Who we are today has a lot to do with who we were yesterday. Founded more than 140 years ago by the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, Duquesne was built on a core set of values that guides us even now.

As one of the nation's top Catholic universities, our Spiritan tradition means a lot to us. You'll see it in the way we treat one another, the way we learn and how we view the world. We strive to provide a well-rounded education that will challenge you academically while nourishing your spiritual and ethical development.

Today, Duquesne is home to nine schools of study and serves 9,500 students. We offer 90 master's, doctoral and professional programs and 20+ online programs.



About the Duquesne School of Nursing

We've spent the past 80 years serving as a pioneer in nursing education:



First university in the country to offer an online PhD in Nursing



First university in Pennsylvania to grant a BSN degree



First dual undergraduate degree in biomedical engineering and nursing (2014)



One of the first forensic nursing programs in the country (2002)



First to offer a PhD in Nursing Ethics program (2017)

Today, our school is recognized by the National League for Nursing as a Center of Excellence, and our degree programs are consistently ranked among the country's best by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Compassion and service are at the core of our nursing curriculum and remain a critical component in our approach to education. No matter where you are in your career, we have the experience and drive to ensure your growth as a person, care provider and nursing leader.

Accreditation and Affiliations



The baccalaureate degree program in nursing, master's degree program in nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice program and the post-graduate APRN certificate program at Duquesne University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.ccneaccreditation.org>). The School of Nursing is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and the National League for Nursing (NLN).

Duquesne University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). The MSCHE is an institutional agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.



Rankings and Recognition

As a testament to our mission-driven commitment to academic excellence, Duquesne University has earned numerous accolades for our programs and initiatives.



U.S. News & World Report 2021 ranks Duquesne:

No. 3 “Best Online Master’s in Nursing Education Programs”

No. 4 “Best Online Master’s in Nursing Administration Programs”

No. 5 “Best Online Family Nurse Practitioner Master’s Programs”

No. 38 in the nation for “Best Online Master’s in Nursing Programs”

Top 20 among the “Best Online Master’s in Nursing Programs for Veterans”



Ranked among the “Best 385 Colleges” — which profiles only 15% of America’s 2,500 four-year colleges.



Named as one of “America’s Top Colleges” and listed among “Best Value Colleges” and “Best Value Private Colleges.”



Recognized for Outstanding Achievements in Student Learning and Professional Development by the NLN as a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education.



Recognized as a Military Friendly® Top 10 Gold Medal School for 2021-2022.



Advocate for your patients holistically— addressing body, mind and spirit—to provide a unique blend of care and treatment.

Twenty percent of primary care visits are known to have a mental health component, yet the opportunity for a primary care provider to refer a patient to a mental health service or provider is limited. Our Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner coursework will guide you in patient assessment, psychiatric diagnosis, treatment plan development, and medication prescription and management to help meet this need.



Online Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) MSN Program

As a registered nurse with a BSN degree who desires to impact your patients' mental health, our Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner MSN program may be the next step in your nursing career. Earning your MSN in this specialty will prepare you for certification and licensure as a psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner who can evaluate, diagnose, manage and treat patients with mental health disorders, both acute and chronic.

Psychiatric-Mental Health MSN Courses

44 Credit Hours (15 courses)

GNFN 512	Transitioning to Advanced Practice Nursing	3
GPNG 523	Historical and Contemporary Foundations for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
GPNG 524	Evidence-based Nursing Practice and Policy Development	3
GPNG 526	Health Care Ethics in Practice and Policy	3
GPNG 527	Clinical Prevention and Population-based Health Promotion	3
GPNG 528	Physical Assessment for Advanced Practice Nursing (<i>Required campus clinical lab of 25 hours and 50 precepted hours</i>)	3
GPNG 529	Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
GPNG 530	Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
GNMH 535	Psychopharmacology / Biologic Therapies for Neuropsychiatric Dysregulations	4
GNMH 536	Psychiatric-Mental Health Theoretical Foundations for Advanced Practice Nursing	2
GNMH 537	Individual, Group, and Family Therapies Across the Lifespan	2
GNMH 538	Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Clinical I for Advance Practice Nursing (<i>Required campus clinical lab of 25 hours and 125 precepted hours</i>)	3
GNMH 539	Serious Mental Illnesses/Substance Use Disorders Across the Lifespan	2
GNMH 540	Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Clinical II for Advance Practice Nursing (<i>150 precepted hours</i>)	3
GNMH 541	Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Clinical III for Advance Practice Nursing (<i>225 precepted hours</i>)	4

Note: Curriculum is subject to change.

Online Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) MSN Program

To qualify for our online MSN program, you must:

- Hold a current, unencumbered RN license
- Hold a BSN from an accredited college or university with a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Have completed an undergraduate-level statistics course with a “C” or higher

Note: Must have at least one year of full-time work experience as an RN prior to registration in the clinical or specialty courses.

Admission Requirements:

- A completed graduate application
- Resume or curriculum vitae
- Goal statement (2-3 pages)
 - Clearly articulate why you are pursuing the Psychiatric-Mental Health NP
 - Your professional plans and career goals
 - Why you wish to study at Duquesne
 - Past experiences as they relate to the Psychiatric-Mental Health NP and advancing your career
 - Accomplishments you have had in nursing (professional organization membership or positions, awards, scholarships, nominations, certifications, committee/project work, scholarly publications, other accomplishments or abilities)
 - Any special circumstances applicable to your background and professional history
- Two professional references (one academic and one professional in a supervisory role)
- Official transcript(s)

View more about our admissions process

<https://onlinenursing.duq.edu/admissions/>

Online Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's Certificate Program

Expand on your graduate-level nursing education and earn a Post-Master's Certificate (PMC) in Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. Help to meet the demand for nurse practitioners to care for patients with mental health disorders and those dealing with substance abuse.

To qualify for our online post-master's certificate program, you must:

- Hold a BSN and MSN from an accredited college or university with a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Hold a current, unencumbered RN license
- Complete an undergraduate-level statistics course with a "C" or higher

Admission Requirements:

- A completed graduate application
- Resume or curriculum vitae
- Goal statement (2 pages)
 - Reasons you are pursuing your Post-Master's Certificate degree
 - Your professional plans and career goals
 - Why you wish to study at Duquesne
 - Past experiences that relate to advancing your career
 - Achievements you have had in nursing
 - Special circumstances applicable to your background and professional history
- Two professional references (one academic and one professional in a supervisory role)
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Psychiatric-Mental Health PMC Courses

35 Credit Hours (12 courses)

GNFN 512	Transitioning to Advanced Practice Nursing	3
GPNG 527	Clinical Prevention and Population-based Health Promotion	3
GPNG 528	Physical Assessment for Advanced Practice Nursing (Required campus clinical lab of 25 hours and 50 precepted hours)	3
GPNG 529	Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
GPNG 530	Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
GNMH 535	Psychopharmacology / Biologic Therapies for Neuropsychiatric Dysregulations	4
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