

NURSING: PSYCHIATRIC-MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER, POST MASTERS CERTIFICATION

Post MS AGACNP Certificate

The School of Nursing offers the post masters certificate for MS, MSN or doctorate prepared nurses. The plan of study is individualized based on academic completion and requirements using a gap analysis evaluation. This program prepares students to provide evidence-based, safe, quality patient-centered care in psychiatric-mental health across the lifespan. The graduate will be eligible to take the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner certification examination.

Specific Admission Requirements

Students are responsible for following all admission policies and procedures as outlined in the Graduate Studies section of the University catalog.

1. Complete application to the nursing program.
2. Proof of active, unrestricted Colorado or Colorado Nursing Compact State Registered Nurse license for all MS and MS-DNP emphasis options or by the end of the first semester for the BSN-DNP emphases options).
3. Bachelor's degree in Nursing from an accredited university with a 3.0 GPA, or higher (MS, BSN-DNP and associate post-masters certificate options).
4. All prerequisites must be passed with a C or better (C- is not acceptable) including statistics, microbiology and chemistry. Students receiving a grade less than C in a nursing prerequisite course are not eligible for admission.
5. Master's degree in Nursing from an accredited university with a 3.0 GPA, or higher (MS-DNP Program and associate post-masters certificate options).

BSN or MS (Nursing) to DNP or Post Masters Certificate

Students are responsible for following all admission policies and procedures as outlined in the *Graduate Programs* section of the University catalog.

1. Baccalaureate degree in nursing from an institution accredited by a regional accreditation agency (or equivalent).
2. Undergraduate BSN cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher will consider courses with a graduate nursing GPA of 3.0 or higher.
3. Undergraduate statistics course with a grade of C or higher.
4. Application for admission to graduate programs in the university Office of Admission (admission to graduate programs does not constitute admission to the nursing graduate program).
5. Proof of active, unrestricted Colorado Registered Nurse license by the end of the first semester of the program.
6. Background check per Colorado Law (see application).
7. Current immunizations.
8. Current certification in CPR (Health Care Provider – C or equivalent).

9. Three letters of recommendation:
 - a. Professional or Academic
 - b. Clinical
 - c. Other
10. Letter of intent that includes:
 - a. Brief professional history
 - b. Reason for pursuing advanced degree
 - c. How applicant will manage work, home, and study
11. Curriculum Vitae

(Use the template located under *Graduate Nursing Student Application Instructions on the website*)

Preference for acceptance will be given to applicants who have:

1. 2000 Hours (1 year full-time) experience as a registered nurse (AGACNP, AGACNP/FNP and PMHNP emphases only).
2. One year or more of experience as a clinical adjunct instructor (Nurse Educator only)
3. Residency in Southern Colorado
4. Graduate from CSU Pueblo

If accepted into a program, requirements prior to attending first class include:

1. Drug screen
2. Physical exam within last 12 months

The End Of Program Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Integrate evidence-based practice, ethical decision-making and technology into advanced nursing practice.
2. Utilize inter-professional collaboration to provide safe, quality patient-centered care.
3. Explore quality improvement initiatives that affect delivery of advanced practice nursing and health care services.

Specific Program Requirements

Students seeking post masters' certificate or DNP Degree in the program who already have a nursing graduate degree are evaluated on an individual basis. Their plan of study is based on their academic credentials. A student must complete a minimum of 16 postgraduate credit hours at CSU Pueblo to be eligible for a post masters certificate. Core courses must be completed to meet the mandates of the Colorado State Board of Nursing for Advanced Nursing Practice. A total of 585 clinical hours must be documented for each nurse practitioner concentration. The student's plan is developed based on the academic course work already completed.

Minimum Courses Required

See masters PMHNP for complete curriculum requirements.

| Course | Title | Credits |
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| NSG 651 | PSYCH MENTAL HEALTH I | 2.00 |
| NSG 651L | PMH PRACTICUM I | 2.00 |
| NSG 652 | PSYCH MENTAL HEALTH II | 2.00 |
| NSG 652L | PMH PRACTICUM II | 2.00 |
| NSG 653 | PSYCH MENTAL HEALTH III | 3.00 |
| NSG 653L | PMH PRACTICUM III | 3.00 |
| NSG 654 | PSYCH MENTAL HEALTH IV | 3.00 |

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| NSG 654L | PMH PRACTICUM IV | 3.00 |
| NSG 655L | PMH PRACTICUM MS | 1.00 |
| NSG 676 | THEORETICAL MENTAL HEALTH MODELS | 2.00 |
| NSG 677 | PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY | 2.00 |
| NSG 678 | PSYCHIATRIC ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION | 2.00 |
| NSG 679 | PSYCHIATRIC DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS | 2.00 |

Minimum Courses Required

See masters PMHNP for complete curriculum requirements.

| Course | Title | Credits |
|----------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| NSG 676 | Theoretical Mental Health Models | 2 |
| NSG 677 | Psychopharmacology | 2 |
| NSG 678 | Psychiatric Assessment & Evaluation | 2 |
| NSG 679 | Psychiatric Differential Diagnosis | 2 |
| NSG 651 | Psych Mental Health I | 2 |
| NSG 651L | PMH Practicum I | 2 |
| NSG 652 | Psych Mental Health II | 2 |
| NSG 652L | PMH Practicum II | 2 |
| NSG 653 | Psych Mental Health III | 3 |
| NSG 653L | PMH Practicum III | 3 |
| NSG 654 | Psych Mental Health IV | 3 |
| NSG 654L | PMH Practicum IV | 3 |
| NSG 655L | PMH Practicum MS | 1-3 |