

BROAD IMPACT

VARIETY OF SETTINGS

PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER

WHERE NEUROSCIENCE MEETS MENTAL HEALTH CARE



The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) track within the DNP program prepares you to provide comprehensive and lifespan psychiatric care with advanced pharmacological expertise.

PMHNPs are clinicians who specialize in diagnostic assessment, psychopharmacological treatment, neurological interventions and therapies for psychiatric conditions, grounded in neuroscience and evidence-based practice.

Your Scope Expands

PMHNP scope of practice includes:

- Assess and diagnose psychiatric conditions, and lead treatment planning.
- Prescribe and manage psychotropic medications across the lifespan.
- Integrate neuroscience-based approaches to treatment.
- Provide psychotherapy in settings where feasible.
- Lead interprofessional teams and advocate for policy change.

Where You'll Practice

- Outpatient settings (community mental health centers, private practice)
- Inpatient psychiatric units and hospital consultation services
- Integrated primary care and behavioral health clinics
- Telehealth platforms for remote medication management
- Specialized settings (such as correctional facilities, forensic psychiatry, VA hospitals)
- Substance use treatment centers and addiction services
- Geriatric and long-term care facilities

“ The PMHNP program gave me the expertise to confidently prescribe and manage complex medication regimens. The neuroscience foundation and pharmacology training were exceptional, and I feel prepared to lead evidence-based psychiatric care.

— Graduate, DNP PMHNP



Did you know?

67% OF COUNTIES HAVE NO PSYCHIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONERS. PMHNPs ARE HELPING CLOSE THAT GAP.

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DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

DURATION
9 quarters

FORMAT
In-person with pre-arranged clinicals

PRIORITY DEADLINE
January 15, 2026

SPACE AVAILABLE
May 1, 2026 (select tracks)



READY TO ADVANCE YOUR CAREER? SCAN TO CONNECT WITH OUR ADMISSIONS TEAM.