BROAD IMPACT | VARIETY OF SETTINGS

PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER

WHERE NEUROSCIENCE MEETS MENTAL HEALTH CARE

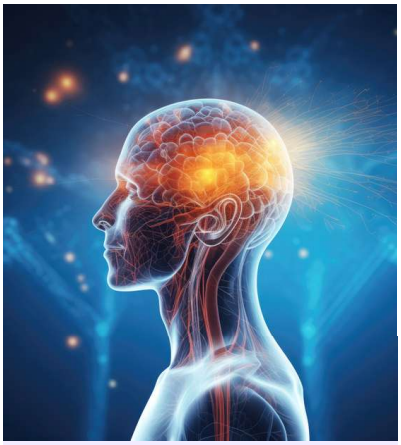
The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) track within the DNP degree program prepares you to provide comprehensive psychiatric mental health care to individuals across the lifespan, with a focus on assessment, diagnosis, psychopharmacological management and psychotherapeutic treatment of psychiatric and mental health disorders.

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:

- Assessing and diagnosing psychiatric and mental health disorders.
- Prescribing and managing psychopharmacological treatments.
- Providing evidence-based psychotherapeutic interventions.
- Integrating neuroscience-based approaches to psychiatric care.
- Promoting mental health, wellness and prevention.
- Providing culturally responsive, person-centered care.
- Collaborating with interprofessional teams to improve mental health outcomes.



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.*
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> — Graduate, DNP PMHNP

DID YOU KNOW?

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

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DURATION
9 Quarters

FORMAT
Online coursework, live online sessions, and on-campus intensives.

PRIORITY DEADLINE
January 15

SPACE AVAILABLE
May 1 (select tracks)

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