



Master's Degree in Nursing Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)

Accelerate your career as an advanced practiced registered nurse.

Take the next step to advancing your career with a Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) degree from Goodwin University. In our program, you'll sharpen key skills needed to advance your nursing career. We combine classroom teaching with in-person clinical experiences, giving you a well-rounded understanding of how to apply what you've learned in a real patient-care setting. If you already have your BSN and are looking to expand your knowledge of the healthcare field, our Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program could be a great fit for you!

Build on fundamental concepts

As a PMHNP, you'll advocate for people struggling with often misunderstood mental health conditions. In this program, you'll expand your care-providing skills with the technical knowledge you need to diagnose patients, develop treatment plans, and prescribe medications that help improve your patients' quality of life. Psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners play a critical role in reducing mental health stigma — being a voice for their patients and promoting positive changes in mental health policy.

Provide patient-centered care

By building on the nursing skills you've already practiced, you'll develop a deeper understanding of the mental health needs of your patients. At Goodwin, you'll apply what you've learned in your online coursework by participating in a cumulative 600 hours of real-world clinical experiences — giving you the hands-on clinical practice you need to jumpstart your career as a PMHNP after graduation.

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Core courses: 50 credits

NUR 500	Theoretical Basis for Advanced Nursing Practice and Leadership	3
NUR 505	Pathophysiology for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NUR 510	Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NUR 520	Neuropsychopharmacology	3
NUR 540	Physical Assessment for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NUR 605	Current Concepts and Professional Roles in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NUR 610	Seminar in Nursing Research	3
NUR 620	Policy, Politics, and Organization of Healthcare	3
NUR 655	Assessment and Diagnosis of Mental Health Disorders across the Life Span	3
NUR 665	PMHNP I: Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Care for the Adult	7
NUR 675	PMHNP II: Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Care for Children and Older Adults	7
NUR 685	PMHNP III: Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Care of the Complex Patient	7
NUR 698	Advanced Practice Capstone: Clinical Applications on Population Health	2

Total credits: 50



**Learn more about applying
to our PMHNP program!**

Flexible options designed for busy working professionals

Goodwin's PMHNP program can be completed in as few as seven semesters part-time. Apart from your on-campus clinicals and two immersion weekends, all your coursework is completed online. You can work full-time while earning your master's degree! Your real-world experience as a nurse will guide you as you explore patient care through a mental health lens.

You must be a current CT-licensed registered nurse (RN) with a bachelor's degree in Nursing to qualify for Goodwin University's APRN programs. Candidates with an associate degree in Nursing and a non-Nursing bachelor's degree can apply for MSN bridge courses.

Possible workplaces include:

- Acute or urgent care center
- Correctional facilities
- Hospitals
- Long-term care facilities
- Private clinics
- And more!

No GRE required! We know you work hard enough, there's no need to pass any exams before you even get into the program.

All PMHNP students need to complete all clinicals in the state of CT and maintain a CT license throughout the program.

Goodwin University is a nonprofit institution of higher education accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

The master's degree program in nursing (MSN, FNP, PMHNP) at Goodwin University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791. CCNE last granted accreditation to the master's degree program in nursing at Goodwin University for 5 years, extending to June 30, 2030.

*Clinicals require two on-campus immersion weekends.