

Psychiatric/Mental Health NURSE PRACTITIONER POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE



ADVANCED PRACTICE IN MENTAL HEALTH

Vanguard's Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program graduates are qualified to apply for NP licensure from the California BRN and take the national certification exam for the Psychiatric/Mental Health specialty from the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

CONVENIENT SCHEDULE

Intentionally designed for your busy schedule

- Fully online program
- Combination of scheduled classes and independent learning
- Completed in 18 months
- 24 units/750 clinical hours required for Advanced Practice

PREREQUISITES

- MSN or DNP
- Clear and current CA RN license
- Advanced Pharmacology, Advanced Pathophysiology and Advanced Physical Assessment*
- Applicants do not need to be an NP to apply

**Courses offered at Vanguard*

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's Certificate Program at Vanguard University is pursuing initial accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (www.ccnaccreditation.org).



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FOCUS

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner certificate prepares the master's level nurse for advanced practice in mental health care for children, adolescents, adults and older adults experiencing psychiatric and mental health disorders. The program seeks to add to the supply of psychiatric advanced practice clinicians, to help address the current shortage of mental health providers in the State of California.

CURRICULUM

FIRST SEMESTER

- Theories of Human Behavior
- The role of the PMHNP in Psychiatric Assessment

SECOND SEMESTER

- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner: Interventions and Health Promotion Across the Lifespan (188 clinical hours)

THIRD SEMESTER

- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner: Adult/Older Adult Mental Health (188 clinical hours)

FOURTH SEMESTER

- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner: Child/Adolescent Mental Health (188 clinical hours)

FIFTH SEMESTER

- Psychiatric Mental Healthcare of Vulnerable/Select Populations (188 clinical hours)



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