

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE - PSYCHIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER (PMHNP) (ONLINE)

Department: Nursing (<https://catalog.bradley.edu/graduate/education-health-sciences/nursing/>)

This (BSN entry) 74-semester hour specialty track in the DNP program prepares graduates as psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioners at the doctoral level. Students complete a total of 600 clinical practicum hours across the lifespan supervised by qualified preceptors within a variety of mental health care settings. The additional clinical hours required to achieve the minimum 1,000 clinical hours (AACN) are completed during enrollment in the DNP project courses. A DNP project must be completed to fulfill degree requirements. The goal of the program is to prepare graduates with a doctoral degree who possess the knowledge and skills necessary to deliver psychiatric/mental health advanced practice nursing across the lifespan in various mental health care settings. Upon completion of the program, graduates are eligible to sit for the PMHNP specialty certification examination administered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

Admissions

1. Applicants must have a BSN degree from a CNEA, ACEN, or CCNE accredited nursing program.
2. Proof of a current unencumbered nursing license.
3. A nursing grade point average of 3.0 based on a 4.0 scale.

*Applicants with deficiencies in the requirements will be evaluated on an individual basis.

Code	Title	Hours
BIO 526	Advanced Pathophysiology	3.0
ECO 605	Health Care Economics & Finance	3.0
NUR 600	Advanced Health Assessment	3.0
NUR 651	Advanced Pharmacology I	3.0
NUR 680	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Roles Roles	3.0
NUR 682	Psychopharmacology and Neurophysiology for the PMHNP	3.0
NUR 684	Advanced Psychiatric Interviewing and Differential Diagnosis	3.0
NUR 685	PMHNP Continuum of Care Across the Lifespan and Practicum I	6.0
NUR 686	PMHNP Continuum of Care Across the Lifespan and Practicum II	6.0
NUR 687	PMHNP Sub-Specialty Focus and Practicum III	4.0
NUR 688	Professional Aspects of the PMHNP	2.0
NUR 700	Theoretical Foundations of Nursing Science	3.0
NUR 703	Health Promotion in Populations	3.0
NUR 705	Research Design and Statistical Methods	3.0
NUR 720	Methods in Evidence Based Practice	3.0

NUR 735	Leadership in Advance Nursing Practice	3.0
NUR 740	Healthcare Policy and Ethics in Advanced Practice Nursing	3.0
NUR 752	Advanced Health Informatics	3.0
NUR 840	DNP Clinical Practice	1.0-4.0
NUR 841	DNP Project I	3.0
NUR 842	DNP Project II	3.0
NUR 843	DNP Project III	3.0
NUR 844	DNP Project IV	3.0
Total Hours		73-76

Comprehensive Assessment

All students are required to take a comprehensive assessment prior to graduation.

DNP Project

All students in the DNP program are required to plan, implement, evaluate, and disseminate a DNP project. The DNP project is guided by evidence-based practice or quality improvement processes focused on system or population changes that positively influence healthcare outcomes through direct or indirect patient care.