Graduates of the PMHNP specialty are prepared as psychiatric mental health care providers to treat people across the lifespan with psychiatric disorders at a beginning level of practice.

The PMHNP certificate is a 4-semester, part-time opportunity for the working RN. Web delivery of course content is complemented with campus experiences for learning and demonstrating health assessment skills. The PMHNP certificate is not offered every year. Interested applicants should contact the College of Nursing Office of Student Affairs to verify that the certificate will be offered at the time of application. Graduates will receive a broad foundation of educational preparation in advanced psychiatric and mental health nursing practice across the life span, nursing theories and nursing research. Health assessment, primary prevention, health care maintenance, clinical decision making, and illness management are emphasized in the classroom and clinical practica. Upon completion of the program, graduates will be eligible to take an PMHNP national board certifying examination. To qualify for entry into the PMHNP Graduate Certificate program, students must have an MS degree in nursing. The program requires a minimum of 25 credits of clinical courses study and 765 clinical practica hours.

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