

Psychiatric/Mental Health
Nurse Practitioner
Post Master's Certificate

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program

Thank you for your interest in our online Psych/MHNP Certificate Program. The certificate program is designed for both entry as an APRN, or also as a Non-APRN with a master's degree. All coursework is 100% online. The program is designed as follows:

APRN	Non-APRN
Total clinical hours: 560 Total credits: 25-30 based on individual portfolio review.	Total clinical hours: 728 Total credits: 49

The core of the Psych clinical courses start in the Fall semester only:

Summer Year 1	Fall Year 1	Spring Year 1
	N612 Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing with Children & Adolescents – 3 cr. N698CA Practicum: Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing with Children & Adolescents – 3 cr. (168 contact hours)	N622 Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing with Adults & Older Adults – 3cr. N698AD Practicum: Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing with Adults & Older Adults - 3 cr. (168 contact hours)
Summer Year 2	Fall Year 2	Spring Year 2
N721 Advanced Psychotherapy Modalities with Individuals, Groups & Families – 2 cr. N798GF Practicum: Advanced Psychotherapy Modalities with Individuals, Groups & Families – 2 cr. (112 contact hours)	N722 Psychiatric Mental Health Complex Health Problems – 2 cr. N798CH Practicum: Psychiatric Mental Health Complex Health Problems 2 cr. (112 contact hours)	N898D Final Direct Care Residency- 2 cr. (112 contact hours)-Not needed for current APRN N580 Integrative Therapies - 2 cr

Samples of both Plans of Study for APRN's and Non-APRN's are on the next two pages.

UMASS AMHERST College of Nursing
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)
Certificate Program
Masters NON-APRN Program

Required prerequisite to DNP Program: *Three P's **Met** **Not Met**

Summer Year 1	Fall Year 1	Spring Year 2
<p>N725 Leadership in Public Health Systems - 3 cr.</p> <p>N643 Assessment and Diagnosis of Mental Health Disorders – 3 cr.</p>	<p>N619 Advanced Pharmacology – 3 cr.</p> <p>N615 Advanced Pathophysiology – 3 cr.</p>	<p>N670 Family Systems and Interventions – 3 cr.</p> <p>N703 Pharmacotherapy Management – 3 cr.</p>
Summer Year 2	Fall Year 2	Spring Year 2
<p>N707 Neuro-psycho pharmacology – 3cr.</p> <p>N614 Adv. Health Assessment & Clinical Reasoning – 3 cr.</p> <p>N698A Practicum: Adv. Health Assessment & Clinical Reasoning- 1 cr. (56 contact hours)</p>	<p>N612 Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing with Children & Adolescents – 3 cr.</p> <p>N698CA Practicum: Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing with Children & Adolescents – 3 cr. (168 contact hours)</p>	<p>N622 Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing with Adults & Older Adults – 3cr.</p> <p>N698AD Practicum: Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing with Adults & Older Adults - 3 cr. (168 contact hours)</p>
Summer Year 3	Fall Year 3	Spring Year 3
<p>N721 Advanced Psychotherapy Modalities with Individuals, Groups & Families – 2 cr.</p> <p>N798GF Practicum: Advanced Psychotherapy Modalities with Individuals, Groups & Families – 2 cr. (112 contact hours)</p>	<p>N722 Psychiatric Mental Health Complex Health Problems – 2 cr.</p> <p>N798CH Practicum: Psychiatric Mental Health Complex Health Problems 2 cr. (112 contact hours)</p>	<p>N898D Final Direct Care Residency- 2 cr. (112 contact hours)</p> <p>N580 Integrative Therapies - 2 cr</p>
<p>Clinical Hours 728 Credits 49</p>		

UMASS AMHERST College of Nursing
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certification (PMHNP)
For Post Masters Students APRN

Required prerequisite to Post-masters PMHNP Program: *Three P's **Met** **Not Met**

Summer Year 1	Fall Year 1	Spring Year 1
<p>N707 Neuro- psychopharmacology – 3cr.</p> <p>N643 Assessment and Diagnosis of Mental Health Disorders – 3 cr.</p> <p>N580 Integrative Therapies - 2 cr</p>	<p>N612 Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing with Children & Adolescents – 3 cr.</p> <p>N698CA Practicum: Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing with Children & Adolescents – 3 cr. (168 contact hours)</p>	<p>N622 Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing with Adults & Older Adults – 3cr.</p> <p>N698AD Practicum: Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing with Adults & Older Adults - 3 cr. (168 contact hours)</p>
Summer Year 2	Fall Year 2	Spring Year 2
<p>N721 Advanced Psychotherapy Modalities with Individuals, Groups & Families – 2 cr.</p> <p>N798GF Practicum: Advanced Psychotherapy Modalities with Individuals, Groups & Families – 2 cr. (112 contact hours)</p>	<p>N722 Psychiatric Mental Health Complex Health Problems – 2 cr.</p> <p>N798CH Practicum: Psychiatric Mental Health Complex Health Problems 2 cr. (112 contact hours)</p>	
<p>Clinical Hours – APRNS - 560</p> <p>Credits – 25-30 based on portfolio review and transfer of courses</p>		

Admission review:

A full review of official transcripts, references, goals statement and letters of reference will be evaluated for each applicant. Some psych experience is preferred. Once all of the required materials are received, a file will be created and reviewed during the admission cycle (completed files are reviewed on a case by case basis before the deadline of December 15th of each year) for a Summer or Fall start. Students who are admitted to the Certificate program will review the Plan of Study, and sign a copy to follow for the remainder of the course work.

Completion of Certificate:

Once all course work is completed (or you are in your final semester) students will be expected to apply for the Certificate with the Graduate School at the University of Massachusetts/Amherst and follow the deadline provided to receive the Certificate. Deadlines are April 1st to receive a May Certificate, and December 15th for a February Certificate. The Certificate application form can be found at the Graduate School's website at:

<https://www.umass.edu/gradschool/policies-forms/forms-graduate-students>

Clinical placements:

Students are expected to find their own clinical placements, and to start the process at least 4-6 months ahead of time. Students will follow the College of Nursing's Policies and Procedures for finding, securing and completing a clinical rotation. The College of Nursing does have faculty and staff in place to assist you in the process, should you have problems finding a placement. We do however ***strongly recommend*** that you have done the legwork of finding placements near where you live ahead of time before entering the Certificate Program, as we cannot guarantee that we can find all students placements for their rotations. Full instructions, details and information can be found at the College of Nursing Graduate Student Handbook. Upon acceptance to the Certificate program, students will be required to purchase Typhon for clinical practica tracking and also complete all clinical requirements in Castlebranch in order to be in compliance for clinical.

Student status:

Since this is a Certificate program, you are not considered a "matriculated" degree seeking student with the University, you are considered a "non-degree" student. Please consult with Financial Aid if you are considering/needng Financial Aid to support your study. Students will complete a Non-Degree application once they have been admitted to the Certificate program, so that they can acquire a student SPIRE ID and register for courses. Registration instructions will be provided to the student so they will know how/when to register for their courses. All course work is run through Continuing & Professional Education. Please see the attached link for more information on Non-Degree status for Certificate students.

<https://www.umass.edu/gradschool/admissions/non-degree-information>

(*courses not required for APRN's through transcript review)

***N615 Advanced Pathophysiology (3 cr.)** - This course examines the conceptual basis and specific knowledge of pathophysiology and disease recognition for children and adults as observed in the primary care setting.

***N619 Advanced Pharmacology (3 cr.)** - This course reviews in-depth the principles of pharmacology for classes of drugs commonly used in various health care practices. The most pertinent drug classes for nursing practice are included in this course.

***N703 Pharmacotherapy Management (3 cr.)** – Integration of principles of pharmacology and therapeutic patient care management to construct, implement and evaluate optimal pharmacotherapeutic regimens for patients in various healthcare settings. This course includes an assignment with a local pharmacist.

***N670 Family Systems and Interventions (3 cr.)** - Selected concepts, theories and research related to family dynamics and family coping, with an emphasis on practice strategies to support family well-being and mental health.

***N614 Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning (3 cr.) and N698A Practicum (1 cr.) – must be taken concurrently.** N698A is the first practicum course in the PMHNP/DNP specialty concentration sequence. Content and practicum focus is on acquiring the knowledge and skills needed to perform comprehensive health assessments and develop enhanced capacity for clinical reasoning and laboratory test interpretation.

N643 Assessment and Diagnosis of Psychiatric and Mental Health Disorders (3 cr.)- This course introduces the diagnostic processes in mental health/mental disorders using DSM 5 diagnostic criteria, ICD coding, and other mental assessment tools while considering family, community, and cultural influences.

N580 Integrative Therapies in Health Care (2 cr.)- This course will examine integrative health therapies including the cultural contexts of health and health care, telehealth, dynamics of systems and individual change, and evidence-based analysis of therapeutic effectiveness.

N697NP Neuropsychopharmacology (3 cr.)- This course examines the pharmacological treatment of psychiatric mental health disorders and is structured to develop the student with a logical approach and treatment strategy to use when prescribing.

N612 Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing with Children and Adolescents (3 cr.)- Content in the psychopathology, assessment, diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders affecting children and adolescents are presented.

N698CA Practicum Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing with Children and Adolescents (3 cr.) – This course will consist of a supervised clinical practicum experience in a community based health care agency providing advanced practice psychiatric mental health nursing care to children, adolescents and their families, **168 clinical practicum hours.**

N622 Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing with Adults and Older Adults (3 cr.)– This course will consist of a supervised clinical practicum experience in a community based health care agency/facility providing psychiatric mental health care to children, adolescents and their families.

N698AD Practicum Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing with Adults and Older Adults (3 cr.)- This course will consist of a supervised clinical practicum in a community based health agency or facility providing advanced practice psychiatric mental health care to adults and older adults, **168 clinical practicum hours.**

N721 Advanced Psychotherapy Modalities with Individuals, Groups and Families (2 cr.) – This course continues preparing students in developing advanced skills to deliver individual, group and family psychosocial therapeutics using evidence based psychosocial treatment models across the lifespan.

N798GF Practicum Advanced Psychotherapy Modalities with Individuals, Groups and Families (2 cr.) – This course consists of a supervised clinical practicum experience in a community based inpatient or outpatient mental health care agency providing psychotherapeutic mental health care to individuals, groups and families, **112 clinical practicum hours.**

N722 Psychiatric Mental Health- Complex Health Problems (3 cr.) - A refinement of advanced knowledge and skills required to deliver psychiatric mental health care to culturally diverse individuals of all ages with complex mental health and psychiatric issues.

N798CH Practicum Psychiatric Mental Health- Complex Health Problems (3 cr.)- This course will consist of a supervised clinical practicum experience in a health care agency/facility providing psychiatric mental health care to individuals, of all ages with complex mental health and psychiatric issues. **112 clinical practicum hours.**

***N898D Final Direct Care residency (2 cr.)** -This final practicum is an essential component of the DNP program that affords students the opportunity to immerse themselves in their area of specialty practice as they complete **112 hours of practicum experiences** in one semester. This practicum provides an intensive immersion opportunity for students to further enhance and integrate their prior learning and to gain experience.

After review of these materials, and you wish to apply, please complete and send the required documents and this application page to the Certificate program address.

University of Massachusetts/Amherst
College of Nursing
Application for the Graduate Certificate in
Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Name: _____
First Last Middle

Address: _____
Street Town State Zip

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please provide the following documents with your application:

- ✓ Personal Statement
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ Official transcripts from Bachelor's and/or Master's degrees awarded
- ✓ Nursing license and/or certifications held
- ✓ Two letters of reference

Master's degree is in: _____ APRN Yes _____ No

College, Graduation date and GPA: _____

Please provide the names of the courses and where completed:

Completion of Advanced Pathophysiology: _____

Advanced Pharmacology: _____

Advanced Health Assessment: _____

Please submit this **one page** application and requirements to:

Post Master's Psych NP Certificate, College of Nursing
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Amherst, MA 01003