

**Western Kentucky University
School of Nursing and Allied Health
Post-Master of Science in Nursing
Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)**

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) certificate is for Advance Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) who have completed a master's degree or higher in nursing and desire to pursue a non-degree course of study that leads to eligibility to take a national Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) certification examination.

Certificate Requirement (18 hours) Summer Cohort

YEAR ONE

<i>Summer Semester</i>	<i>Hours</i>
NURS 507 Adv. Psych NP Assessment	1
NURS 536 Advanced Psychopharmacology	1
<i>Subtotal.....</i>	<i>2</i>

<i>Fall Semester</i>	<i>Hours</i>
NURS 523 Adv. Psych NP I	3
NURS 524 Adv. Psych NP I Clinical (160 hours - adult)	2
<i>Subtotal.....</i>	<i>5</i>

<i>Spring Semester</i>	<i>Hours</i>
NURS 525 Adv. Psych NP II	3
NURS 526 Adv. Psych NP II Clinical (160 hours - peds)	2
<i>Subtotal.....</i>	<i>5</i>

YEAR TWO

<i>Summer Semester</i>	<i>Hours</i>
NURS 511 Adv. Psych NP III	1
NURS 527 Adv. Psych NP III Internship (350 hours - lifespan)	5
<i>Subtotal.....</i>	<i>6</i>

<i>Total PMHNP concentration hours.....</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Total clinical hours.....</i>	<i>670</i>

Evidence of completion of courses in Advanced Pathophysiology, Advanced Pharmacology, and an Advanced Health Assessment course with a clinical component are required as prerequisites. These courses may also be completed at WKU (course number and name below):

NURS 500	<i>Advanced Physiological and Pathophysiology Concepts</i>
NURS 503	<i>Advanced Health Assessment</i>
NURS 505	<i>Advanced Health Assessment Clinical</i>
NURS 515	<i>Advanced Pharmacology</i>

Specialty Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner courses will meet online synchronous via Blackboard (Bb) Collaborate five (5) weekday evenings and two (2) Saturday mornings a semester along with (OL) coursework via Bb.

NURS 524 requires 160 clinical hours with adults 25 years or older: 60 hours with therapist(s) & 100 hours with prescribing provider(s).

NURS 526 requires 160 clinical hours with children, adolescents, and young adults 24 years or younger: 60 hours with therapist(s) & 100 hours with prescribing provider(s).

NURS 527 requires 350 clinical hours with patients across the lifespan: 100 hours with therapist(s) & 250 hours with prescribing provider(s).

Therapist is defined as licensed therapist (e.g., LCSW, LMFT, LCT, etc.) or psychologist.
Prescribing provider is defined as PMHNP or psychiatrist.

