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# Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's Certificate

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# Program Overview

Norwich has designed a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Post-Master's Certificate to prepare nurse leaders with the education and competencies to meet future demands in the mental health field. This certificate program prepares nurses with the knowledge and skills to diagnose and treat patients with mental health and psychiatric needs both in the inpatient and primary care setting.

By adding a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's Certificate to your credentials, you will gain the skills to navigate the complexities of an evolving healthcare system and improve the quality of care at the individual and aggregate levels. Program graduates possess the knowledge and skills to continue functioning as an advanced practice nurse, while gaining a profound depth of knowledge within a specific area of practice.

The certificate program will expand your knowledge and skills to promote healthier and more sustainable outcomes — in addition to positioning you to explore increased responsibilities and greater autonomy in the workplace. Guided by an experienced doctoral-level faculty, program graduates continue forward in their careers with an enhanced skill set and a greater capacity to use research findings from nursing and other disciplines as a basis for clinical decision-making that promotes confidence, accuracy, and efficiency.



# Add greater depth and knowledge to your career as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner

The Norwich Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Post-Master's Certificate will prepare you — as an advanced practice nurse — to provide primary mental health care for individuals, groups, and populations across their lifespan.

Designed for nurses who hold a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), the PMHNP Post-Master's Certificate advances the knowledge, education, and expertise needed to:

- Provide integrated care for persons with mental health, substance use, and co-morbid mental and physical conditions.
- Work in a variety of settings ranging from specialty behavioral health centers to primary care settings.
- Provide a range of brief prevention, treatment, and recovery services, as well as longer-term treatment and support for persons with persistent illnesses.
- Advocate to reduce inaccurate and hurtful representations of mental illness.

## High Curriculum Standards That Lead to Better Outcomes

A Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner maintains a critical role on the health care team and ensures collaboration and provision of safe, effective, coordinated care. To help further your career goals, the PMHNP Post-Master's Certificate consists of 18 credit hours (9 concentration-specific), along with four clinical experiences at 165 hours each for a total of 660 hours — all performed in a practical, real-world setting.

Similar in design to the Master of Science in Nursing - Nurse Practitioner program, the PMHNP Post-Master's Certificate carefully aligns with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Master-Level education preparation standards — including the Master's Essentials and the National Organization — in addition to the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) Nurse Practitioner Core Competencies.

With newly enhanced knowledge and skills, program graduates are eligible to sit for the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner board certification exam, administered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

# The Norwich Advantage

## IN YOUR CORNER. A MOTIVATING FORCE.

**If you can dream it, you can accomplish it** — thanks to Norwich University's expert faculty and dedicated student support advisers. Your team works to keep you motivated and build the skills needed for a rewarding career. From program start to finish, you are never alone. Our dedicated faculty and program staff are invested in your success and go the extra mile to provide mentorship and support. Norwich provides 24/7 access and technical support through an online learning platform, enabling you to contribute to class discussions and complete your coursework at any time, from any location.

## ACCESS TO EXTENSIVE RESOURCES

The Kreitzberg Library serves online students and faculty. You gain access to our library's 100 online databases, 54,000 full-text electronic journals, and hundreds of thousands of e-books.

To help you succeed as an online learner, our dedicated distance learning librarian and reference staff members provide research assistance via email, phone, and chat. Our staff ships books anywhere in the world from our circulating collection of over 140,000 titles and provide access to journal articles unavailable online through our material request services.

### 200+ Years of Leadership in Education

Rooted in a strong tradition of military service, Norwich University remains fully invested in the development of focused, highly-skilled professionals who seek to make the most of every opportunity. Through technology, Norwich Online provides extended educational opportunities to working adults and lifelong learners from around the world.



*Pictured: The Kreitzberg Library*

# Curriculum

As our healthcare system and the governing policies continue to evolve, the need for highly-competent and forward-thinking leaders in nursing has never been greater. Norwich created the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Post-Master's Certificate to meet that critical need.

Backed by a strong curricular foundation, Norwich offers a rigorous academic experience to prepare you for the challenges facing the profession in the 21st century. The PMHNP Post-Master's Certificate consists of nine 2-credit courses, with the time-to-completion at approximately 15 months.

Coursework begins with a pharmacological analysis and comprehensive overview of major drug classifications in relation to diverse patient populations. The curriculum then examines the essential competencies necessary to provide the highest level of care at various points throughout the human lifespan, as well as theory, assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and application of evidence-based practice concepts as part of a clinical practicum.

The PMHNP Post-Master's Certificate program is designed and structured to prepare graduates to provide a highly skilled and advanced level of care in the mental health field. Through a curriculum that is backed by the latest scientific research and supported with proven best practices, you'll gain the knowledge base required to properly assess and diagnosis mental health conditions as well as integrate and implement psychopharmacology, psychotherapy and various other treatment options.

## Program Details — At a Glance

- Four annual start dates: March, June, September, or December.
- 9 courses totaling 18 credit hours.
- A course schedule that takes only 15 months to complete.
- Curriculum carefully matched to the AACN Essentials of Master's Education.
- Receive 660 hours of clinical practice and experiential learning.

## Course Listing

(Nine courses valued at 2 credit hours each.)

COURSE NAME		CREDITS
NR 592	Advanced Pharmacology - Population Focus: Mental Health	2
NR 631	Psychiatric and Mental Health NP I	2
NR 632	Psychiatric and Mental Health NP I Clinical	2
NR 633	Psychiatric and Mental Health NP II	2
NR 634	Psychiatric and Mental Health NP II Clinical	2
NR 635	Psychiatric and Mental Health NP III	2
NR 636	Psychiatric and Mental Health NP III Clinical	2
NR 637	Psychiatric and Mental Health NP IV	2
NR 638	Psychiatric and Mental Health NP IV Clinical	2
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>18</b>

# The Norwich Advantage: For Nursing

## ACTIONS THAT BRING RESULTS IN HEALTH CARE

Nurses are the lifeblood of hospitals, medical centers, public health facilities, and nursing homes. Their leadership role is only amplified in the wake of healthcare reform. The Norwich Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing prepares working nurses for these critical leadership positions by empowering them with the knowledge, education, and skills necessary to promote the health and well-being of patients throughout every sector of society.

As a nurse seeking master's-level proficiency, you will engage in an expanded scope of practice characterized by critical analysis, creative problem-solving, and application of theories in the decision-making process. You will learn to manage change effectively and utilize effective communication skills and technologies to create collaborative partnerships in nursing and across health care disciplines. Graduate education prepares you to identify and evaluate personal and organization values and implement ethical decisions and strategies to improve outcomes.

## SUPERB TEACHER-PRACTITIONERS

The faculty members who guide the Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing possess broad industry and research experience that enriches their teaching, providing students with real-world insight and a context for applying their expanded skills and knowledge.

All of our faculty members, who hold doctorate degrees, work closely with students, inspiring them to produce their best work, motivating them to reach higher, and encouraging them to make a difference.



**Knowing what to do is important. Knowing how to do it is essential.**

The Norwich Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing is designed to fit into the busy schedules of working professionals and other lifelong learners, helping you to confidently advance your level of understanding when it's most convenient for you.

# Empowering the Future

## **FOR LEADERS WHO ARE DRIVEN TO SERVE**

Leading change takes commitment, compassion, and the skills and knowledge needed to inspire and motivate. Norwich University channels your motivation to serve into a strong ability to lead within your organization and community.

## **THE PACE FOR EACH COURSE IS DESIGNED WITH BUSY SCHEDULES IN MIND**

Through our flexible online platform, you can access program content and contribute to class discussions on your own schedule and pace. This format allows extra time to contemplate questions and compose well-thought-out responses. Small classes and students from diverse professional and cultural backgrounds foster in-depth discussions and unique perspectives.

## **YOUR LEARNING COMMUNITY CAN BECOME AN INVALUABLE NETWORK**

You will progress through the program in small classes called cohorts. Small classes of 15 or fewer students encourage frequent student-student and student-faculty interactions, while a team of dedicated program staff provides students with additional support and guidance. When enrolled at Norwich, you gain access to a dynamic learning community as well as an extensive career network of successful alumni from around the globe.

## **CAREER PREPARATION**

Earning your Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing at Norwich can help prepare you for a range of leadership roles within this highly specialized discipline. Accompanied by 660 hours of clinical practice and experiential learning, you'll develop a broader and more advanced skill set that serves to promote healthier outcomes through a variety of recovery and treatment options. As graduates continue ahead in their careers, they have the requisite knowledge and skills to integrate advanced theoretical, research-based, scientific, and clinical understanding into clinical practice to provide nursing care to diverse patient populations.

# Admissions

## NORWICH PREPARES YOU FOR SUCCESS.

Whether seeking to advance in your field, refocus a career, or expand knowledge and skills in an area in which you're passionate, Norwich University Online can help you achieve your professional and personal goals. Applying is the first step.

Norwich seeks goal-oriented individuals possessing high standards of personal ethics and demonstrated excellence in their professional lives and academic studies.

Applicants should have a desire to make a positive contribution to their field. Selective admissions standards ensure that our students have the greatest prospect of successfully completing the program and graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to leave a positive and lasting impact on their profession.

Choosing the right Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing, along with the right school, is a major decision. We invite you to contact our Admissions Advisors, who will guide you in your decision-making.

### Admission Requirements

To qualify for admission into our online PMHNP Post-Master's Certificate program, you must:

- Hold a current, **unencumbered RN license** in your state of practice
- Hold an **MSN** from an accredited school of nursing
- Have completed the following courses within the last five years: Advanced Pharmacology, Advanced Physical Assessment, and Advanced Pathophysiology. For any uncompleted courses, you will need to complete the course as part of your certificate program.

#### You must also provide the following:

- Online admissions application
- Letter of recommendation
- A personal statement of your professional goals
- Official transcript(s)

### Financial Aid Information

Financing your graduate school education can be a daunting task if you are unfamiliar with the process, timeline, expectations, and options. Norwich University wants to make this process a smooth journey for you.

#### To speak with one of our Admissions Advisors about financial aid:

**Call:** 1-877-348-8153

**Email:** [info@online.norwich.edu](mailto:info@online.norwich.edu)

Visit [online.norwich.edu](http://online.norwich.edu) for more information.

# About Norwich University

Founded in 1819, Norwich University is a small, private, not-for-profit university in Vermont that offers professional and liberal arts programs to military and civilian students. The College of Graduate and Continuing Studies builds upon more than 200 years of Norwich University traditions while offering a variety of degree programs online in a rigorous academic environment. By enrolling in our Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing, you'll become part of a long tradition of public service education and leadership at Norwich, which goes all the way back to our founding as the nation's first private military college.

Norwich University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (formerly the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc.).



Recognized for academic excellence, *U.S. News & World Report* ranks Norwich University in the top 100 for Regional Universities in the North. Rankings are based on undergraduate programs.



The Master of Science in Nursing program at Norwich is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).



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