

# POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE IN PSYCHIATRIC-MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER

The post-master's certificate in psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner is a part-time, online program designed to give advanced practice registered nurses the opportunity to expand their scope of practice to include the care of individuals, families, and groups with psychiatric and mental health needs.

Visit the [GW Nursing website \(https://nursing.gwu.edu/\)](https://nursing.gwu.edu/) for additional information.

## ADMISSIONS

Article	Requirement
Admission deadline:	Fall - Priority: December 1   Final: May 15
Prior academic records	Official transcripts (from all post-secondary schools)
Statement of Purpose:	Compose a 250-500 word essay describing your reasons for undertaking study in nursing at The George Washington University, your academic objectives, career goals, and related qualifications (including relevant collegiate, professional, and/or community activities). Include any substantial accomplishments not already mentioned on the application form. Your essay should also speak to the role (e.g. FNP, AGACNP, etc.) that you are applying for and how your qualifications will help you succeed in this role both professionally and as a student.
Prerequisites	Master's degree in nursing from a regionally accredited college or university Successful completion of graduate-level courses in pathophysiology, pharmacology, and advanced health assessment
Additional:	Active RN license Preferred scholastic GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale from a regionally accredited college or university Current CPR certificate
International Requirements	TOEFL is: Internet-based test: 100 or higher Paper test: 600 or higher The minimum required score for the IELTS is: An overall band score of 7.0 Individual band scores of 6.0 or higher

### Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Admissions  
45085 University Drive, Suite 201-T  
Ashburn, VA 20147

### Contact for questions:

nursing@gwu.edu ~ 571-553-0138 (phone)  
<https://nursing.gwu.edu/admissions-aid> (<https://nursing.gwu.edu/admissions-aid/>)  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

## REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 22 credits in required courses and 600 clinical hours.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required</b>		
NURS 6242	Psychopharmacology	
NURS 6243	Addiction and Change	
NURS 6244	Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing with Families and Groups Across the Life Span	
NURS 6245	Psychiatric/Mental Health Diagnostic Assessment Across the Lifespan	
NURS 6246	Psychiatric/Mental Health Advanced Practice Nursing with Individuals Across the Life Span	
NURS 6247	Population-Based Psychiatric/Mental Health Advanced Practice Nursing Across the Life Span	
NURS 6248	Integrated Application of Psychiatric/Mental Health Advanced Practice Nursing	
Clinical hours		
Completion of 600 clinical hours.		