

# Master of Science in Nursing

## PSYCHIATRIC-MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER



Nursing Education Program  
Accreditation

The Mount Marty College tradition of service learning and outreach to underserved populations has stimulated the development of a Master of Science in Nursing program with specialties that will reach those populations and beyond.

External forces that support and demand this program include rural health care and the need for health promotion and disease prevention. The learning outcomes from the MMC Master of Science in Nursing program are based on *The Essentials for Master's Education in Nursing* as published by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN, 2011).

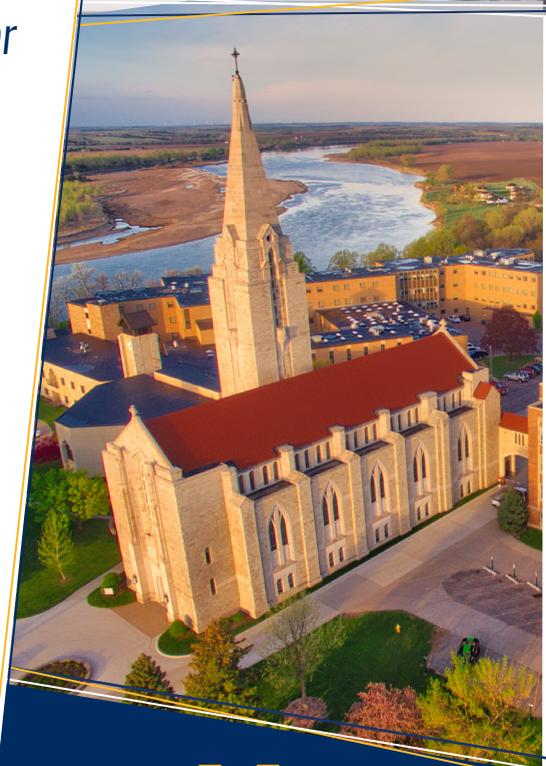
Program goals include the development of professional advanced practice nurses who provide holistic nursing care based on nursing theory and evidence-based practice. MMC graduates appreciate the uniqueness of each individual and family, the influence of society, and the multidimensional aspects of health. Program graduates are prepared to meet the psychiatric mental health care needs of a variety of populations including rural and underserved populations and are also prepared to take an active leadership role in health care advancements.

### *Program Emphasis: Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner*

Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioners (PMHNPs) are clinical experts prepared to implement a holistic approach to providing mental health care to individuals, families, groups, and communities. They are trained to use an evidence-based approach to diagnose and treat a variety of mental health conditions through the provision of pharmacotherapy and psychotherapy. The focus of the PMHNP program is to provide the academic knowledge and clinical skills necessary to provide mental health promotion, disease prevention, assessment, and management of psychiatric illness.

### *Admission Requirements*

- Bachelor's degree in nursing from a ACEN, CNEA or CCNE accredited institution
- Cumulative GPA 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Current licensure as an RN with at least one year of professional RN practice
- Completed criminal background check
- Completed Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers
- Three recommendations
- Interview with faculty



**To apply or learn more about this program**  
visit [mtmc.edu](http://mtmc.edu) and search nurse practitioner

The master's degree in nursing program and the post-graduate APRN certificate program at Mount Marty College is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education ([www.ccnaccreditation.org](http://www.ccnaccreditation.org)).



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# Master of Science in Nursing - Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program Plan of Study

7 Credits = Full Time Student

4 Credits = Part Time Status

Semester	Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Clinical Hrs.
Summer	MTH 519	Introductory Statistics for Research	3	
	NSG 504	Advanced Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan	3	
Fall	NSG 502	Advanced Physical Assessment Across the Lifespan	3	
	NSG 503	Advanced Pharmacology Across the Lifespan	3	
	NSG 506	Inquiry I	3	
Spring	NSG 500	Advanced Practice Roles and Leadership	3	
	NSG 507	Legal/Ethical/Political Issues for APNs	3	
	NSG 560	Neuroscience for PMHNPs	2	
	NSG 561	Psychopharmacology	2	
Summer	NSG 550	Advanced Practice in Care of Families (First 8 weeks)	3	
	NSG 562	Differential Diagnosis of Mental Health Disorders	2	
	NSG 563	Psychotherapeutic Modalities (Second 8 weeks)	3	
Fall	NSG 514	Inquiry II	3	
	NSG 564	PMHNP Care of Pediatrics/Families	3	
	NSG 565	PMHNP Pediatrics Families Practicum	2*	300
Spring	NSG 515	Capstone	3	
	NSG 566	PMHNP Care of Adults/Order Adults	3	
	NSG 567	PMHNP Adult/Older Adult Practicum Part 11	2*	300
<b>Total Credits and Clinical Hours</b>			<b>49</b>	<b>600</b>

\* One credit (150 clinical hours) may be deferred to a subsequent semester.

If interested in Post-Graduate Certification, please contact the MMC Nursing Division at (605) 668-1511 to discuss development of a plan of study

## *Post-Graduate Certificate Program*

The purpose of the post-graduate program is to provide, for nurses who already hold a master's degree in nursing, an educational route to specialization in an area other than that obtained in their master's program. The program is designed to strengthen and broaden the clinical and nursing aspects of master's-prepared nurses who are planning a role expansion or change.

Following application submission, a Gap Analysis (NTF Criteria, 2016) will be completed. A review of transcripts, cumulative GPA, course syllabi, and clinical hours will be conducted as indicated. After advising sessions are provided to each student, students may be eligible for course substitutions at the discretion of the Track Coordinator. Upon completion of this variable-credit program, the graduate will be eligible to take the national PMHNP certification.