

# PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER - GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

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## About This Program

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner graduate certificate prepares nurses who have a graduate nursing degree the additional specialized knowledge for the psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner role. The certificate meets the educational requirements for the national certification examination.

## Contact Information

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## Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
  - Fully online

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

## Admission Requirements

- Master’s degree in nursing or a doctorate in nursing practice from an accredited nursing program
- Minimum 3.000 graduate GPA on a 4.000 scale
- Official transcript(s)
- Active, unrestricted registered nurse license in the state in which practicum hours will be completed
- Résumé or vita
- Goal statement (no more than 250 words) describing reasons for seeking the certificate in the identified specialty and professional goals
- Transcript(s) of all previous graduate coursework<sup>1</sup>
- Syllabi of all courses to be considered for transfer in the gap analysis
- Three letters of reference from health care professionals or faculty members
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
  - Minimum 560 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  - Minimum 83 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
  - Minimum 78 MELAB score
  - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score

- Minimum 55 PTE score
- Minimum 110 Duolingo English score

For more information about graduate admission, please visit the Graduate Studies website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website.

<sup>1</sup> Transcript(s) must indicate completion of graduate-level courses in advanced pathophysiology, advanced pharmacology and advanced health assessment, with a minimum B grade earned in each course. Applicants who do not meet the grade requirement for advanced pathophysiology, advanced pharmacology and advanced health assessment may be considered for a conditional admission. For applicants who have not practiced as an advanced practice registered nurse within the two-year period preceding application to the certificate, completion of graduate-level courses in advanced pathophysiology, advanced pharmacology and advanced health assessment must not be greater than five years old at the time of the student’s first semester of course registration in the certificate.

## Application Deadlines

- **Fall Semester**
  - Priority deadline: March 1
- **Spring Semester**
  - Priority deadline: November 1
- **Summer Term**
  - Priority deadline: March 1

*Applications submitted by these deadlines will receive the strongest consideration for admission.*

## Program Requirements

### Certificate Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Certificate Requirements</b>		
NURS 60012	ADVANCED MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND PSYCHOPATHOLOGY	4
NURS 60051	NEUROBIOLOGY AND PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY OF MAJOR PSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS	4
NURS 60151	INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOTHERAPY	3
NURS 60251	FAMILY AND GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY	3
NURS 60353	INDIVIDUAL, ORGANIZATION AND COMMUNITY CONSULTATION	3
NURS 61592	INDIVIDUAL THERAPY PRACTICUM	2
NURS 62592	MEDICATION MANAGEMENT AND INDIVIDUAL THERAPY PRACTICUM	2
NURS 63592	FAMILY AND GROUP THERAPY	2
NURS 64592	PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICUM IV: NURSE PRACTITIONER ROLE	2
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>25</b>

## Graduation Requirements

Minimum Certificate GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
3.000	3.000

## Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Acquire educational eligibility to meet standards for advanced practice certification or other advanced professional distinction.
2. Acquire competencies based on professional standards to assume advanced roles in nursing, and for leadership and career advancement, including doctoral study.
3. Communicate, integrate and apply advanced nursing knowledge and skills to provide evidence-based, culturally sensitive nursing care and promote quality outcomes in nursing and health care.

## Professional Licensure Disclosure

This program is designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure or certification and contact information for state licensing boards at Kent State's website for professional licensure disclosure.