

**New Graduate Program (Majors, Sequences, Certificates) Proposal
Illinois State University - Graduate Curriculum Committee**

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Title of New Program Psychiatric Mental Health NP Post-Master's Certificate

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Associated Course Proposal(s):

New Graduate Course proposal NUR 420 titled *Psychopharmacology*
New Graduate Course proposal NUR 421 titled *Psychotherapeutics for Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nu*
New Graduate Course proposal NUR 422 titled *Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Practice I*
New Graduate Course proposal NUR 422.1 titled *Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Practice I Clinic*
New Graduate Course proposal NUR 423 titled *Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Practice II*
New Graduate Course proposal NUR 423.1 titled *Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Practice II Clini*
New Graduate Course proposal NUR 424 titled *Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Practice III*
New Graduate Course proposal NUR 424.1 titled *Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Practice III Clin*

1. Proposed Action

- New Major
- New Sequence
- ✓ New Certificate
- ✓ More than 50% of courses in this program are Distance Education

2. Provide Graduate Catalog copy for new program.

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's Certificate

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) post-master's certificate program consists of 24 credit hours of specialty coursework and 540 clinical hours. Specialty PMHNP courses are fully online. Program applicants must 1) hold an unencumbered advanced practice registered nurse license in the state in which they will perform clinical, and 2) be nationally certified as a family nurse practitioner.

Coursework for the PMHNP post-master's certificate is determined for each student following an assessment of the applicant's previously completed graduate nursing courses. Candidates for the PMHNP post-master's certificate are required to complete all 24 credits of the PMHNP specialty courses at Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University. Applicants should refer to the Mennonite College of Nursing website for detailed information related to program plan of study and admission requirements.

Mennonite College of Nursing requires that any student receiving a grade of C or below in graduate coursework must repeat the course. Students may repeat a maximum of 3 semester hours. A 3.0 GPA or above is required to graduate with this certificate. Graduates of the program will be eligible to take the certification exam for Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners offered through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

The PMHNP post-master's certificate includes the following requirements:

- 24 hours of specialty courses: NUR 420, 421, 422, 423, 424
- A minimum of 540 clinical hours upon completion

3. Provide a description for the proposed program.

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) post-master's certificate program is intended for currently licensed advanced practice registered nurses who are nationally certified as family nurse practitioners. This program includes both didactic and practicum coursework with content covering the treatment of pediatric, adult, and geriatric clients with psychiatric concerns. Graduates of the program will be eligible to take the national certification exam for Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners offered through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). Once certified, graduates will be prepared to provide comprehensive psychiatric care to clients across the lifespan, including screening, assessment, diagnosis, medication prescribing, and psychotherapy interventions.

4. Provide a rationale of proposed program.

Lack of access to comprehensive, quality healthcare is a significant barrier for millions of people in the United States. Contributing to the problem of access to care is a lack of mental health and substance use disorder training for healthcare providers, including nurse practitioners (NPs). Dramatic shortages of mental health providers are evident at both the state and national level. In 2016, Illinois had a deficit of 470 psychiatrists and 120 psychiatric NPs. For the US in 2015, 65% of non-metropolitan areas did not have a psychiatrist, 47% did not have a psychologist, and 81% did not have a psychiatric NP. Ninety-six percent of all counties in the US have an unmet need for providers who can prescribe psychiatric medications, like PMHNPs. PMHNPs provide a comprehensive range of specialized services, including patient and family education; psychotherapy; preventive care; prescribing medications; diagnosing, treating, and managing chronic illnesses; making referrals; ordering, performing, and interpreting diagnostic tests; and conducting physical examinations. Graduates of the PMHNP post-master's certificate program will be prepared to directly impact the problem of access to care by providing comprehensive, collaborative primary and behavioral health care in a variety of settings, especially for rural and underserved individuals in the surrounding communities.

5. Describe the expected effects of the proposed program on existing campus programs (if applicable).

This program is not expected to have any effects on existing campus programs.

6. Describe the expected curricular changes required, including new courses. If proposals for new courses that will be or have been submitted, please reference those related proposals here:

Five new courses will be submitted for this program:

- NUR 420
- NUR 421
- NUR 422
- NUR 423
- NUR 424

No curricular changes are expected for any existing campus courses or programs.

7. Anticipated funding needs and source of funds.

This program will be funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Advanced Nursing Education Workforce (ANEW) Grant. The ANEW Grant will pay the salary for the PMHNP faculty and is expected through June 2023. Before those grant funds end, the program director will plan to apply for full cost recovery for the courses in this program.

8. **No** Does this program count for teacher education?

9. **The following questions must be answered.**

N.A. Have letter(s) of concurrence from affected departments/schools been obtained?
A departments/school is affected if it has a program with significant overlap or if it teaches a required or elective course in the program.

