

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Program is a one-year post-master's program designed to prepare primary care nurse practitioners to provide the full range of psychiatric services to patients throughout the life cycle. This is a formally constructed program that meets the requirements for national certification by the American Nurse Credentialing Center as an Adult Psychiatric and Mental Health or Family Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner.

The program of study consists of 18 post-master's units. To enhance access and provide flexibility, the program will be largely distance delivered via synchronous and asynchronous modalities.

Coursework

NURS 243 (2 units)
NURS 244 (2 units)
NURS 245 (2 units)
NURS 246 (2 units)
NURS 247 (4 units)
NURS 248 (2 units)
NURS 249 (4 units)

Total (18 units)

All courses are taken through Continuing and Global Education via special sessions. Courses are offered once a year and students proceed through the program as a cohort. There is no part-time option available at this time.

Admissions Criteria

1. Master's of Science in Nursing.
2. Currently practicing as a primary care nurse practitioner, i.e. Family Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Adult Nurse Practitioner, or Geriatric Nurse Practitioner.
3. Valid California Nurse Practitioner license and furnishing number.
4. Current Drug Enforcement Administration authorization for Schedule II medications.
5. Three letters of recommendation, with at least one from a recent employer.

Admissions Procedures

1. The deadline for admissions is March 1.
2. Applicants first complete the online University application at calstate.edu/apply.
3. The program has additional requirements for admission. Complete instructions for application to the program are available within the <http://calstate.edu/apply> process.

All program admissions materials should be sent to

School of Nursing

California State University, Fresno
2345 E. San Ramon Ave. M/S MH25
Fresno, CA 93740
Attn.: Janice Saunders, Program Coordinator

All materials must be received by **April 1**.

Certificate of Advanced Study Requirements: completion of the set program of study (18 units) with a GPA of 3.0 or higher within a 5-year period.

Certificate in Racial Understanding

The Africana Program and the Department of Social Work Education jointly offer the Certificate of Special Study in Racial Understanding. This 12-unit program consists of three required courses and one related interdisciplinary elective. The certificate is designed to prepare students and practicing professionals to develop knowledge and skills necessary to understand racial difference and underlying racism and manage conflict resulting from it. The special study seeks to promote racial awareness and racial harmony, diversity competency, and cultural understanding in our multiracial and multicultural society.

Upper-division requirements (9 units)

AFRS 104W, 144; SWRK 136