UTRGV™

UT Health Rio Grande Valley™

School of Nursing

PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER

POST MASTER'S CERTIFICATE
100% ONLINE

The Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Post-Master's certificate program prepares nurses to provide effective care for patients with complex psychiatric and physical health needs. PMHNPs work with individuals and families to develop a diagnosis and then design, implement and monitor a plan of care. Responsibilities can also include prescribing medication and administering psychotherapy.

The coursework and practicum was designed to assist students in acquiring the advanced knowledge and clinical skills needed to care for clients across the lifespan. The foundation for advanced practice is focused on content included in advanced courses in pathophysiology, pharmacotherapeutics and health assessment.

Prospective students are advised to confirm whether the board of nursing in their home state has approved the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley as a nursing education program prior to applying to the program.

The Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing, Master's Degree in Nursing, and the Post-Graduate Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate Programs at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, 202-887-6791.

WHY UTRGV:

- **100% online**

- **#1 in Texas and #2 Nationally** for least student debt among public universities *(U.S. News & World Report).*

- **Ranked #1 in Texas** by Washington Monthly for community impact and social mobility.

- **Preceptor Placement Assistance** provided to support clinical requirements.

- **Accelerated 1-Year PMHNP** Program designed for quick transition into practice.

- Affordable Tuition Rates – Among the most affordable programs in the UT system and across Texas

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HOW TO APPLY:

Step #1: Submit a UTRGV Graduate Application at **utrgv.edu/gradapply**. There is no application fee.

Step #2: Request your official transcripts to be sent electronically to **gradapps@utrgv.edu** or mailed to:

> The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
> The Graduate College
> Marialice Shary Shivers Bldg. 1.158
> 1201 W. University Drive
> Edinburg, TX 78539-2999

*Please Note: If you are a graduate of UTPA, UTB/TSC, or UTRGV you do not need to request an official transcript to be sent to the Graduate College.

ADMISSION CRITERIA:

To be admitted to the psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner graduate certificate, prospective candidates must first meet all requirements for graduate admission to UT Rio Grande Valley, as well as the other requirements listed below:

1. Master of Science in Nursing: Active Licensed Nurse Practitioner (NP) with at least one year psychiatric/mental health nursing specialty practice
OR
Master of Science in Nursing: with **successful** completion **within 3 years** of three separate courses in graduate/ **advanced** level including Advanced Physical Assessment (equivalent to UTRGV SON NURS 6305.90L), Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics (equivalent to UTRGV SON NURS 6306.90L), and Advanced Pathophysiology (equivalent to UTRGV SON NURS 6304.90L) with at least 3 years of psychiatric/mental health specialty nursing practice.
FROM a Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) accredited program in nursing.

2. A "live/face to face" or "virtual" interview with PMHNP Program Admission Committee.

3. A Current Resume/Curriculum Vitae.

4. GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

5. Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.

6. A current unencumbered license to practice as a Registered Nurse (RN) in your state of residence.

7. Cleared Criminal Background Check.

8. Evidence of current immunizations required by the Texas Department of Health for student in health-related academic programs.

▶ **DEADLINE:**

Applications for Summer I open September 2 and close April 1

For Further Information:

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Visit **utrgv.edu/gradapply** *or scan QR code to apply today:*

*The Graduate Admission, Progression and Graduation Committee requires that the applicant submit course syllabus to determine equivalency to UTRGV course. MSN-prepared Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) certified as adult nurse practitioners, women's health nurse practitioners, pediatric nurse practitioners or acute care nurse practitioners **and** currently practicing in their areas may have these courses waived from the admission requirements after applications have been assessed by this committee.