Mission
The St. David’s School of Nursing at Texas State University educates and prepares graduates by using innovative teaching strategies and state-of-the-art technology. Graduates provide ethical, safe, and effective patient-centered care and contribute to present and emerging research and health management practices. Graduates demonstrate competence in clinical judgment, collaborate as members and leaders of interprofessional healthcare teams, and utilize scientifically-based interventions. As caring professional nurses, graduates manage illness; promote, maintain, and restore health; and provide end-of-life care for diverse individuals, families, populations, and global communities across the lifespan.

“The PMHNP provides developmental, physical, and mental health assessments, mental health diagnoses, and implementation of care, including psychotherapy, thereby increasing patient access to quality mental healthcare.”

– Pamela Willson, Ph.D., APRN, FNP-BC, CNE, NE-BC, FAANP

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

PMHNPs are needed in medical facilities to change mental healthcare practice, reduce mental health stigma, and increase access to care.
Why choose Texas State?
The MSN-PMHNP program is designed for registered nurses who want to expand their career opportunities and professional contributions. During the program, students will develop competencies required to provide primary mental healthcare to individuals, families, and populations across the lifespan. This program can be completed in as few as 15 months.

The MSN-PMHNP degree delivery format, small class sizes, focused semesters, and precepted practicum experiences will provide increased flexibility and opportunity for the students in Central Texas and beyond.

Course Work
Course work takes place online, with some face-to-face on-campus intensives at the St. David’s School of Nursing on the Texas State University Round Rock Campus. During these on-campus intensives, students hone their skills with faculty and get to know their fellow PMHNP students. The degree requires practicum courses during which students learn one-on-one from a teacher in their area. Overall, the MSN-PMHNP master's degree will position the post-professional Registered Nurse (RN) graduate to exhibit transformational leadership to affect and generate health policy development, organizational and systems development, evidence-based care, and evaluation of healthcare delivery in collaboration with inter-professional teams and partners.

Faculty
Faculty research interests will be matched with those of the students to increase translation of evidence-based practice within clinical settings. Psychoeducation and psychotherapeutic models of care are implemented to improve the quality of care delivered to patients with mental health conditions. Faculty have specific interest in methods that support mental health prevention and rehabilitation for homelessness, drug and alcohol addiction, and self-management across the lifespan.

Career Options
This degree will position the advanced practice registered nurse to deliver specialized assessment and treatment, evidence-based care, and evaluation of mental healthcare in collaboration with inter-professional teams and partners. Graduates will be eligible to sit for the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certification Exam. Potential positions include: acute and non-acute primary care facilities and state and regional mental health specialty agencies.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES*

Admissions
Priority Fall: February 1
Fall: June 15
Spring: September 15
Summer: No admission

Applications will continue to be considered on a space-available basis after the deadline.

Scholarships, Fellowships and Assistantships
Applications must be complete by the priority deadline to be considered for certain types of funding.

View our webpage for more details: gradcollege.txstate.edu/funding

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For the most up-to-date information on admission and funding deadlines and requirements, visit: gradcollege.txstate.edu/programs/msn-pmhnp

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