EXCEPTIONAL

DEGREE OF CARE



Spring 2025

ONLINE NURSING PROGRAMS

UPDATE! MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Our fully online program has been revised and now results in an MSN Management and Leadership degree. The curriculum focuses on a holistic model for future nurse managers and leaders, designed to meet the 21st century postpandemic healthcare environment. Students will be equipped to pursue high-level administrative roles through didactic training and 500 clinical hours in healthcare organizations.

PSYCHIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER

The University of North Florida offers two online pathways to becoming a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner: a certificate program and a Post-MSN Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). Join our **live Q&A with the Program Director** and learn more about these two programs: Wednesday, April 9 and Wednesday, August 20 at noon! Register today!



LET'S CELEBRATE!

We'd love to be a part of your event, reach out to send an invitation: r.damico@unf.edu

UNF ONLINE NURSING WEBSITE



VIRTUAL INFO SESSIONS



Psych-Mental Health, DNP

Wednesday, April 9 @ Noon

MSN

Wednesday, April 23 @ 9 a.m.

Post-MSN DNP

Thursday, April 24 @ 9 a.m.

REGISTER

Note: May-August dates will be published soon.

RN-BSN

3 starts per year 30 credit hours Complete in 1 year 8-week fall and spring terms 6-week summer terms \$5,979*

Includes a community experience Includes a nursing project, often at component of the student's choice

MSN

Fall start 35 credit hours Complete in 1.5 years 16-week terms \$17,274*

place of employment

POST-MSN DNP

2 starts per year 48 credit hours Complete in 2 years 8-week fall and spring terms 6-week summer terms \$25,116*

Includes residency and project, often at place of employment

PSYCHNP CERT/DNP

Spring start 36/68 credit hours Complete in 1.5/3 years 16-week terms \$17,767/\$33,560*

Both include the clinical hours necessary for board certification



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DR. MARIE SMITH-EAST

DIRECTOR OF THE PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH
NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAMS



I love that UNF has a unique and innovative program!

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TELL US ABOUT YOUR CAREER JOURNEY.

"I started my career as an EMT and from there was inspired to follow my family's legacy in nursing — both my mom and grandmother are nurses. After earning my degree, I worked in emergency medicine and critical care. A profound experience with a patient suffering from ICU psychosis led me to specialize in psychiatric mental health. Since then, I've gained experience in diverse settings, including community mental health, veterans' affairs, private practice and long-term care facilities."

WHAT ATTRACTED YOU TO UNF?

"I earned my Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from the University of North Florida, which made me familiar with the University and excited to join the School of Nursing faculty. My passion is in psychiatric mental health, and I am thrilled that UNF offers a unique and innovative program for nurse practitioners who wish to further their education and become psychiatric nurse practitioners."

WHAT DO YOU CONSIIDER TO BE THE GREATEST VALUE OF UNF'S ONLINE PSYCHIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM?

"Our fully online program offers very small class sizes, ensuring faculty are readily available to support student needs. You'll be learning alongside experienced nurse practitioners. The curriculum is innovative, featuring psychiatric mental health documentation in electronic health records, telehealth simulations and community experiences. Upon graduation, students are exceptionally well-prepared for board certification, with a 100% pass rate."

HOW DO YOU ENGAGE WITH STUDENTS AS AN ONLINE PROGRAM DIRECTOR?

"As an online program director, I combine my extensive leadership experience in academia with my background as a psychiatric nurse practitioner. I understand what it takes to succeed as a student, in a program, and as a community leader. I actively engage with my students through responsive emails, conference calls, meetings and whatever else it takes to help them achieve their goals efficiently and effectively."