



California State University, Stanislaus

MSN-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate Bridge Program

The MSN-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Certificate Bridge Program offers an alternative pathway for students who earned a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) but have not completed Introduction to Diagnostic Reasoning for APRN Role, Advanced Pathophysiology, Advanced Health Assessment, and Advanced Pharmacology pre-requisite coursework to meet the eligibility for the PMHNP Certificate Program. Students accepted into the MSN-PMHNP Bridge Program will take the prerequisites in the fall and, upon successful completion, will be eligible for the PMHNP Program in the spring.

Course Sequence

MSN-PMHNP Bridge Courses	
Fall	Units
NURS 5305 Introduction to Diagnostic Reasoning and the APRN Role	1
NURS 5040 Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	3
NURS 5310 Advanced Health Assessment	3
NURS 5330 Advanced Pharmacology and Therapeutics	3
Total	10

PMHNP Courses	
Spring 1	Units
NURS 5430 Neuroscience and Psychopharmacology	3
NURS 5400 Theories of Individual, Family, and Group Psychotherapy I	2
NURS 5420 Theories of Individual, Family, and Group Psychotherapy II	2
NURS 5410 PMHNP Psychotherapy Across the Lifespan Practicum	3
<i>*Part 1 (24 hours SIM), Part 2 (120 hour practicum)</i>	
Total	10
Summer 1	Units
NURS 5470 Clinical Reasoning, Psychopathology, and Treatment Planning	3
NURS 5440 PMHNP Diagnosis and Management Across the Lifespan Practicum I	4
<i>*180 hours (170 practicum/10 hours SIM)</i>	
Total	7
Fall 1	Units
NURS 5490 Population Based Mental Health Across the Lifespan	2
NURS 5450 PMHNP Diagnosis and Management Across the Lifespan Practicum II	5
<i>*230 practicum/10 hours SIM</i>	
Total	7
Spring 2	Units
NURS 5460 PMHNP Role Development	2
NURS 5480 PMHNP Diagnosis and Management Across the Lifespan Practicum III	5
<i>*230 practicum/10 hours SIM</i>	
Total	7
Total Program Units: 31	
Total onsite/Practicum Hours: 750	
Total Sim Hours: 64	

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Eligibility for the MSN to PMHNP Bridge Program

- Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree from a regionally accredited institution.
- Current, unrestricted California RN license with no disciplinary action pending or imposed.
- One year of full-time nursing or APRN experience.
- Minimum 3.0 GPA in the last 60 units taken.
- Statistics with a grade of B or better.

How to Apply for the MSN to PMHNP Bridge Program

Fall Entry Application: April 1st – August 1st

Apply to Continuing and Professional Education website <https://cape.csustan.edu/pmhnprn-msnbridge>

- *Please note: This application is only for admission to the Bridge program. There is no fee associated with the application.*

Please upload the following documents to the online application:

- Unofficial transcripts from all post-secondary institutions, including any programs in which you are currently enrolled
- RN License

Eligibility for the PMHNP Certificate Program

Meet the requirements listed above and in addition:

- Goal statement
- Minimum of two letters of recommendation
- Résumé with a cover letter indicating professional goals
- **International Students:** Proficiency in spoken and written English with the following minimum TOEFL scores: 550 for the paper-based examination, 80 for the Internet-based examination.

Applying to the PMHNP Certificate Program

Spring Entry Application: June 1st – December 1st

- Apply to the University by the deadline at calstate.edu/apply
Please make sure that you have submitted UNOFFICIAL transcripts for all schools attended to your application.

Please note: This application is for both the University and the School of Nursing. There is a \$70 fee to apply to the University. This fee may be paid online when you apply.

- Official transcripts from each college attended (including in-progress) must also be sent electronically to CAPEtranscripts@csustan.edu. If your college does not have an electronic transcript option, please mail your official transcripts to:

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Please note: You may begin applying while in the Bridge program, but you will need to successfully complete the Bridge courses to begin the PMHNP certificate program in the Spring.

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