



Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

Post BSN to DNP – PMHNP (Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner) Applicant Checklist

Application Information for January 5, 2026 Start Date (Spring 2026 semester)

1. Online application available mid-April 2025
2. Application deadline is September 15, 2025. The program does have a competitive application process. All applicants will be notified by late October 2025 of their admissions status for the Spring 2026 start date]

Program Information

- Up to 16 positions available
- Planned start date January 5, 2026
- Application fee: \$60
- There is a mandatory Orientation near the beginning of the first semester.
- Hybrid/Online model of delivery for lab skills/theory/didactic courses.
- Labs in semesters 3 & 4: These are 8-hour full campus days (8a-5p) during these three semesters at the WSU-Ogden Campus. (3-6 days total each semester.)
- PMHNP lab & clinical experiences begin in semester 3 and continue through semester 7. It is recommended that students not work full-time during these semesters (3,4,5,6 & 7).

Program Cost: Attending graduate school is a significant investment of your time and money. We are committed to keeping DNP-PMHNP costs as affordable as possible while delivering high-value education to advance your nursing career. **DNP-PMHNP(PMH) program** is a full-time, hybrid program delivered over 7-semesters in 28 months. Students receive personalized attention and instruction on-campus for three lab courses in our state-of-the-art nurse practitioner suites. The DNP-PMHNP program gives you flexibility, practice experience, and value-based return on time and financial investment. *Program costs include tuition, graduate student differential, and other course fees. These costs are estimates, which are determined each April for the following academic year. The approximate total for the full-time program is \$36,000-\$40,500 (new tuition will go into effect for the summer semester each year). For detailed information regarding these costs, please visit the Weber State University tuition table and graduate differential table WSU Graduate Tuition table:* (<https://www.weber.edu/wsuiimages/bursar/24-25%20Mstr%20AT.pdf>)

Program Information (Continued)

- The DNP-PMHNP program is clinically intensive and requires appropriate planning for success.
- Securing a PMHNP clinical site placement is a collaborative process. Our Graduate Clinical Coordinator will work collaboratively with you to identify clinical sites where you would like to be placed. The Graduate Clinical Coordinator will work to manage/organize placements and ensure documentation is correct. Under some circumstances, you may be required to complete a clinical experience at a specific site or within a specific time frame based on performance assessment needs or the availability of clinical sites and preceptors.
- Plan on 2 to 3 days/week of clinical shifts for semesters 4,5,6 & 7 in addition to class commitments and labs.
- DNP Project required.

Application Requirements:

- Cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) for all college-level coursework from Regionally Accredited Colleges/Universities. May have a 3.0 to 3.3 Cumulative GPA if you have 10 or more years of full-time work experience as an RN or 15 years part-time as an RN (by the application deadline) and your Nursing GPA (Nursing ONLY courses) are at or above a 3.0. (See advisor if you have questions).
- Applicants must have a minimum of 60 graded (3.3 or better) transfer/transferable credit hours from a regionally accredited college or university.
- Earned bachelor's degree with a major in nursing from an accredited nursing program (ACEN, CCNE, or CNEA) and from a regionally accredited college or university.
- Current unrestricted license to practice as an RN or eligible to obtain licensure without restrictions to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Utah (or Compact State).
- Minimum of two (2) years of current full-time work experience as an RN by the September 15, 2025 application deadline
- Submission of all documents: 3 letters of recommendation, vitae/resume, essay, transcripts, and Structured Video Response (SVR) in the online application system.
- Applicants for whom English is not their first language, a minimum English language proficiency score is required. (TOEFL = 75 overall, with a minimum of 17 in each Category: OR IELTS 6.5 overall, with a minimum of 6.0 in each category). Students with a bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited (or equivalent) university in which the language of instruction was English may be exempt from English-language proficiency testing.
- Please note: This program does not meet the in-person, face-to-face course requirements for international student status since this program involves extensive online learning (no exceptions).

Qualified Applications are ranked according to a selection point system established by the WSU Nursing Graduate Admissions Committee. Applicant ranking for all applicants includes the above requirements and also includes re-applicant status, alternate [previous application cycle], psych/mental health experience, previous Master's Degree (MSN, MHA, MPA, or MBA), and veteran status.



Application Process: Access to the Post BSN to DNP-PMHNP Online Application is available in April of each year

1) Go to: DNP Website (weber.edu/dnp) 2) Follow the links to Post BSN to DNP – PMHNP 3) Follow the link that says Application Information 4) **Green Apply Button**

- Previous WSU MSN graduates do not need to repeat NRS 6120 – Research and Statistics or NRS 6190 – Professional Foundations for Graduate Nursing. Non-WSU transfer students may be eligible for a NRS 6120 equivalency.

Post BSN to DNP-PMHNP (Psych Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program) 75 credit hours
750 Clinical Hours and 1,000+ Practicum Hours

Semester 1 (Spring 26)		Semester 2 (Summer 26)		Semester 3 (Fall 26)		Semester 4 (Spring 27)	
NRS 6120: Research & Statistics	(3)	NRS 6211: Adv Pathophysiology II	(2)	NRS 6212: Adv PsychPathoPhys	(2)	NRS 6222: MntHlth Assessment, Diagnosis, Treatment I LAB	(3)
NRS 6190: Prof. Found for Grad Nurs	(1)	NRS 6216: Adv Pharmacology II	(2)	NRS 7030: Information Technology	(2)	NRS 7010: Research Found & EBP	(3)
NRS 6210: Adv Pathophysiology I	(2)	NRS 6271: Psychotherapeutic Mod	(3)	NRS 6220: Adv Health Assess LAB	(2)	NRS 6217: Adv PsychPharm	(2)
NRS 6215: Adv Pharmacology I	(2)	NRS 7004: Comp Med & Alt Ther	(1)	NRS 6221: Diagnostic Reasoning LAB	(2)	NRS 7913: PMHNP Clinical II	(3)
NRS 7050: Adv Population Health	(3)	NRS 7020: Biostatistics/Epidemiology	(3)	NRS 7070: Hlthcr Policy & Prof	(2)		
Semester 5 (Summer 27)		Semester 6 (Fall 27)		Semester 7 (Spring 28)			
NRS 6223: MntHlth Assess, Diag, Trt II L	(3)	NRS 6272: Subst Abuse & Addiction	(1)	NRS 7002: Transition to Practice	(2)		
NRS 7040: Systems Approach & QI	(3)	NRS 7060: Organizational Leadership	(3)	MHA 7080: Healthcare Finance/Econ	(2)		
NRS 7801: DNP Project I	(3)	NRS 7802: DNP Project II	(3)	NRS 7803: DNP Project III	(3)		
NRS 7913: PMHNP Clinical II	(3)	NRS 7914: PMHNP Clinical III	(3)	NRS 7915: PMHNP Clinical IV	(3)		

All admitted applicants will be required to complete a background check, drug screen, and physical exam and have personal health insurance. Admission to the program is contingent upon submission of a satisfactory background check and a negative drug screen. If a background check reveals a history of criminal actions, such as a Class C misdemeanor, Class B misdemeanor, Class A misdemeanor, or felony, regardless of an active Plea of Abeyance, the admissions committee will review the criminal action and admissions to the program may be denied. To comply with the requirements of our clinical partners, each applicant must pass a 12-panel drug test for entrance into the nursing program. A positive drug screen for legally prescribed medications will require the applicant to submit a prescription to the Medical Review Officer (MRO) associated with the Document Management System (Verified Credentials). Currently, Medical Marijuana Cards are not accepted by all of our clinical partners and, therefore, will not be accepted by The School of Nursing. Any applicant testing positive for Marijuana, even with a Medical Marijuana card, will not be cleared to start the program. **In the event the applicant does not meet the admission requirements, they will not be entitled to any refund of tuition dollars or other fees.**

For questions related to information in this document, please contact Tiffany Bennett, Nursing Graduate Studies Advisor & Enrollment Specialist, at tiffanybennett@weber.edu or (801) 626-6122.

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