

## APPLYING TO THE PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) program prepares graduates for advanced specialty practice with a dual emphasis on intervention through psychotherapy and psychopharmacology. PMHNP's intervene with vulnerable populations and promote mental health across the lifespan. They work with children, adolescents, adults, and older persons in a variety of settings, including community mental health clinics, public health departments, hospitals and outpatient mental health clinics, health maintenance organizations, government facilities, schools of nursing, and independent private practice.

**Degree Options:** Students in this program complete a 3 year program of study to earn a Doctor of Nursing practice degree (DNP).

**Course Delivery:** This program is offered full-time on the Portland campus and starts once a year in the fall.

### Admissions Factors

Admissions decisions are strongly based on the following criteria:

- Cumulative GPA & Science GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Letters of recommendation
- Essay responses
- Interview (for select applicants)
- TOEFL with a score of 83 or higher (for international applicants), ILTS scores will not be accepted

### Admission Requirements & Eligibility

#### Prior Degree

Applicants must have a Bachelor of Science with a major in nursing or BSN from a program accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission or the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education.

#### R.N. Status

- Must have or be eligible for an Oregon registered nurse license upon application.
- Must be licensed in the state of Oregon prior to matriculation.

#### Resume

Applicants will need to provide a curriculum vitae or resume, uploaded to NursingCAS, as part of the application.

#### Grade Point Average

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (all college level courses ever taken)
- Minimum science GPA of a 3.0 (i.e. as anatomy, biology, biochemistry, chemistry, physics, physiology, etc.)

### Statistics

Applicants must have successfully passed a basic statistics course from a regionally accredited school with a grade of "B-" or better within five years prior to entering the program.

### Letters of Recommendation

Applicants must submit three letters of reference. The Admissions Committee prefers applicants to submit references from the following sources: a supervisor, an instructor or academic source, and a co-worker. If you do not have a reference from a certain category, you can submit two from the same category.

### Sample of Scholarly Work

Applicants are required to submit a sample of scholarly writing. This can be a published paper, thesis, or research paper used as a part of a course requirement. **Note:** If you do not have a sample of your scholarly work, please let us know; we can arrange for you to write an article analysis in response to an article that we provide.

## HOW TO APPLY TO THE PMHNP PROGRAM:

**Step 1:** Review and follow the specific applications instructions for your program located on the OHSU School of Nursing website found at [www.ohsu.edu/son](http://www.ohsu.edu/son) in the tab “Admissions & Prospective Students”, then select “**Applying**”. This Applying page offers a complete check list of instructions, helpful links, and additional forms to upload to your application. Please review the page thoroughly.

**Step 2:** The OHSU School of Nursing uses an independent organization that processes applications for OHSU called the Nursing Centralized Application Service for NursingCAS. You must set up a NursingCAS account and start your application for the program to which you are applying. All students applying to any of the OHSU Nursing programs must submit an application through NursingCAS by the stipulated deadline date in order to be considered for admissions.

**Step 3:** Upload and add all required items into your NursingCAS account. All required application materials are as follows:

- ✓ **Official transcripts** (transcripts must be mailed directly from your college(s).  
*Mail transcripts to:* NursingCAS. P.O. Box 9201, Watertown, MA 02471 **\*OHSU will not accept applicant transcripts- in order for your application to be complete and considered for admissions they must be received by NursingCAS.**
- ✓ **Manually enter every college course** into your NursingCAS account.
- ✓ **3 Letters of Recommendation** – submitted via NursingCAS.
- ✓ **Resume or Curriculum Vitae** – upload in document upload section.
- ✓ **Sample of Scholarly work** – upload in document upload section.
- ✓ **Essay responses** – essay prompts available in the NursingCAS application.
- ✓ **5-year time limit Statistics waiver form** – (if applicable) upload to NursingCAS in document upload section.

**Step 4:** Once the above steps have been completed in your NursingCAS application, you must submit your application via NursingCAS in order to have your application reviewed by OHSU. At this point, you must be in contact with the NursingCAS office to confirm that they have received all of your official transcripts.

**NursingCAS Support:** 617-612-2880, Mon. – Thurs. 9am -7pm EST, Friday 9am – 5pm EST. Applications will not be reviewed or considered without all official transcripts on file through the NursingCAS system.

### **Equal Opportunity/Non-Discrimination Policy**

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 protects individuals from discrimination on the basis of sex in any educational program or activity operated by recipients of federal aid. OHSU complies with Title IX and 34 CFR Part 106 by prohibiting sex and gender discrimination in education programs, activities, employment, and admissions. Inquiries about Title IX compliance or sex/gender discrimination may be directed to the OHSU Title IX Coordinator: Laura Stadum, Title IX Coordinator, 503-494-0258, [titleix@ohsu.edu](mailto:titleix@ohsu.edu)