



Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner [PMC] [PSMH]

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Program Name: Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner [PMC] [PSMH]**Reporting Cycle: Jun 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024****1 Is this program offered via Distance Learning?****2 Is this program offered at an off-site location?**

No

2.1 If yes to previous, provide addresses for each location where 50% or more of program credits may be earned.**3 Example of Program Improvement**

2019-2020:

The faculty teaching NURS 608 (the introductory PMHNP course) have split the paper requirements into two sections. This allows the instructors to provide guidance to the students on rubric requirements, APA and grammar early on. Students have more time to absorb the feedback and make improvements to the final submission.

2020-2021:

Due to the pandemic and multiple natural disasters state wide the program was able to quickly pivot and provide telepsych experiences with their preceptors. Telepsych will play a much larger role in the provisions of psychiatric services in the future. Many patients and providers prefer that particular format which is uniquely suited to working with patients who have psychiatric disorders and deliver equivalent quality care.

2021-2022:

The faculty will be looking at whether or not to phase out the PMC program and transition to strictly the DNP program. That being said, we do have one or two applicants each semester that are already doctorally prepared. The ICMSN comes up for accreditation in March of 2023 and the PMC is part of the ICMSN program, so we may not be able to phase it out. The psych courses have changed the percentages of the grading on the syllabi and are awaiting final approval of the Deans Advisory Council in June.

2022-2023:

The new grading guidelines were approved by DAC and have been implemented in Fall 2022 and being phased in starting with 608 and 690 in the fall and 691 in the spring.

2023-2024:

- New weekly assignments revised.
- No longer using the same discussions format weekly. Each week now entails new, innovative assignments that vary with each lesson.
- Added self-paced quizzes for self-assessment.

4 Program Highlights from the Reporting Year

2019-2020:

We retain the numbers of students admitted to this program due to NPs in other patient populations realizing that adding psych certification to their practice enhances the care that can be provided to their existing patient population in an integrated manner. The psychopharmacology course added a new delivery which incorporates a master psychopharmacology program that adds to the rigor of the course.

2020-2021:

This academic year presented multiple challenges to the programs because of the pandemic and multiple natural disasters across the state. Despite these events we were able to continue to deliver the program among the ICMSN system in a relatively timely manner. Our students were able to graduate on time, with few exceptions.

2021-2022:

There has been an increase in the number of applicants to the Psych Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) program over the past academic year. There has also been a review of the PMHNP curriculum with changes approved by the curriculum committee that includes testing policies and evaluation methods of the courses.

2022-2023:

No decision has been made regarding phasing out the PMC program. It just recently received approval by CCNE at the ICMSN site visit.

2023-2024:

Applications continue at 4-5 each semester. Applicants have an improved sense of the expectations and requirements for the program with the addition of face-to-face interviews during the application process.

5 Program Mission

This academic program provides the regional health care community with education and training in advanced practice psychiatric nursing, which allows graduates to assess, diagnose, and treat individuals and families dealing with psychiatric mental health disorders.

6 Institutional Mission Reference

"The mission of the ICMSN is to prepare a diverse group of nurse practitioners, educators, and leaders by fostering a culture of nursing excellence for improving health-related outcomes." (https://catalog.mcneese.edu/preview_entity.php?catoid=47&ent_oid=2161)

The mission of McNeese is to "*change lives through excellence with a personal touch!*" (https://www.mcneese.edu/policy/university_vision_and_mission)

Our students' lives are changed because they are prepared to practice as advanced practice nurses in an additional population focus (psychiatric mental health) which helps advance the health of our region.

7 Assessment and Benchmark Final Papers in Clinicals

Assessment: Students must submit a final paper in each of the three semesters of clinical coursework. These papers integrate the scholarly literature related to psychiatric mental health nursing with clinical practice experienced during the course.

Benchmark: 80% of students will earn a score of at least 84.5% on their final papers in each of the clinical courses.

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592-692 Professional Paper Requirements and Grading Rubric Fall 2018

Outcome Links

Scholarship [Program]

Students translate and integrate scholarship into practice.

7.1 Data

NURS 691:

Term	Earned at least 84.5%		Benchmark met?
	#	%	
Spring 2019	6/8	75%	No
Spring 2020	0/0	—	—
Spring 2021	2/2	100%	Yes
Fall 2021	6/7	85%	Yes
Spring 2022*	—	—	—
Fall 2022	2/2	100%	Yes
Spring 2023	2/2	100%	Yes
Fall 2023	1/2	50%	No
Spring 2024	1/1	100%	Yes

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NURS 692:

Term	Earned at least 84.5%		Benchmark met?
	#	%	
Fall 2019	6/7	86%	Yes
Fall 2020	2/2	100%	Yes
Fall 2021	3/3	100%	Yes
Spring 2022	6/6	100%	Yes
Fall 2022	3/3	100%	Yes
Spring 2023	1/1	100%	Yes
Fall 2023	5/5	100%	Yes
Spring 2024	1/1	100%	Yes

NURS 697:

Term	Earned at least 84.5%		Benchmark met?
	#	%	
Spring 2020	0/2	0%	No
Spring 2021	7/8	88%	No
Fall 2021	5/6	83.3%	No
Spring 2022	2/3	66%	No
Fall 2022	7/7	100%	Yes
Spring 2023	5/5	100%	Yes
Fall 2023	0/0	0%	n/a
Spring 2024	5/5	100%	Yes

7.1.1 Analysis of Data and Plan for Continuous Improvement

2019-2020:

It appears that overall there is some improvement noted. One of the classes had a very small number of our PMC students and there is still work to do.

2020-2021:

The PMHNP faculty are modifying an earlier course that should further help these scores. Of note is that we originally only offered these classes once a year, and have been offering them both fall and spring. The charts here should reflect that. Also 694 was changed to 697 and that should be reflected as well.

2021-2022:

We are developing a powerpoint zoom presentation this summer for all of our students. It should be up and running by fall. The assignment in 697 has been modified since the fall. It also needs a video introduction to help improve the grades.

2022-2023:

Zoom presentation appears to have been successful with the modifications and examples. We will keep monitoring this. There is a plan in place with Dr. Jones to move towards bi-weekly zoom meetings that will be required as part of the class.

2023-2024:

All five PMC students successfully completed the program in the spring, meeting the benchmark. There were no PMC completions in Fall 2023.

8 Assessment and Benchmark Case Study Blogs

Assessment: NURS 692 and 697 Case Studies.

Benchmark: 80% of students will earn a score of at least 92.5% on the case study blog assignments required in NURS 692 and 697.

Prior to 2019-2020, the benchmark was 80% of students will earn a score of at least 84.5% on the case study blog assignments required in NURS 692 and 697.

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Blog Grading Rubric

Outcome Links

Nursing Practice Competencies [Program]

Students will possess master's level nursing practice competencies.

8.1 Data

NURS 692:

Term	Earned at least 92.5%		Benchmark met?
	#	%	
Fall 2019	9/9	100%	Yes
Fall 2020	2/2	100%	Yes
Fall 2021	4/6	66%	Yes
Spring 2022	4/6	66%	No
Fall 2022	3/3	100%	Yes
Spring 2023	1/1	100%	Yes
Fall 2023	—	—	N/A
Spring 2024	—	—	N/A

NURS 697:

Term	Earned at least 92.5%		Benchmark met?
	#	%	
Spring 2020	8/9	89%	Yes
Spring 2021	2/2	100%	Yes
Fall 2021	5/6	83%	Yes
Spring 2022	3/3	100%	Yes
Fall 2022	7/7	100%	Yes
Spring 2023	5/5	100%	Yes
Fall 2023	—	—	N/A
Spring 2024	—	—	N/A

8.1.1 Analysis of Data and Plan for Continuous Improvement

2019-2020:

The benchmark was met for this assessment. We should track it for a few more semesters before determining if another benchmark is needed.

2020-2021:

The benchmark was also met this term. We need to track this in both the spring and fall.

2021-2022:

The benchmark was met both semesters. Will track it one more year and then likely need to rethink this one. We have a CCNE visit in Spring 2023 and so I really do not think we should change this until after that visit.

2022-2023:

The CCNE visit was successful. We will have two new instructors next year and I anticipate that this assignment will be tweaked some by the psych faculty to make it more meaningful to the students and assess critical thinking better.

2023-2024:

This assignment was removed from the curriculum and replaces with Clinical Reflections. Will update next year.

9 Assessment and Benchmark NURS 691 Psychiatric Evaluation

Assessment: NURS 691 Psychiatric Evaluation.

Benchmark: 80% of students will earn a score of at least 92.5% on the psychiatric evaluation assignment.

Prior to 2019-2020, the benchmark was 80% of students will earn a score of at least 84.5% on the psychiatric evaluation assignment.

Outcome Links

Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nursing [Program]

Students will identify competencies of advanced practice psychiatric nursing.

9.1 Data

Term	Earned at least 92.5%		Benchmark met?
	#	%	
Spring 2020	1/2	50%	No
Spring 2021	—	—	—
Spring 2022*	—	—	—
Fall 2022	2/2	100%	Yes
Spring 2023	2/2	100%	Yes
Fall 2023	10/11	91%	Yes
Spring 2024	6/6	100%	Yes

*Had trouble accessing data through SELU

9.1.1 Analysis of Data and Plan for Continuous Improvement

2019-2020:

There were low numbers in this group. Further monitoring is needed.

2020-2021:

This data needs to be collected in both fall and spring semester each year to garner a full picture of the possible needs.

2021-2022:

This course has been taught out of SELU for the last three years or so. It is sometimes difficult to gather the data as their moodle classes become unaccessable after the semester is over. I do not have access to the section that the McNeese students were in. We need to reconsider how or if we want to continue with this class.

2022-2023:

We hope to be teaching our own courses starting in the spring which will allow for easy access of this data. This assignment will also likely undergo some revisions.

2023-2024:

Benchmarks met. This assignment was significantly revised in Summer 2023 to reflect more rigor and real-life documentation. Students are learning how to complete differential diagnoses with greater critical thinking. Will continue to monitor and revise as needed, based on faculty, student, and clinical preceptor feedback.

10 Assessment and Benchmark NURS 608 Final Exam

Assessment: NURS 608 Final Exam.

Benchmark: 80% of students will earn a score of at least 84.5% on the final exam for NURS 608 - Diagnostic Considerations and Psychopharmacology for Psychiatric Disorders.

Outcome Links

Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nursing [Program]

Students will identify competencies of advanced practice psychiatric nursing.

10.1 Data

Term	Earned at least 84.5%		Benchmark met?
	#	%	
Fall 2018	8/8	100%	Yes
Spring 2019	4/5	80%	Yes
Fall 2019	—	—	—
Spring 2020	3/3	100%	Yes
Fall 2020	1/1	100%	Yes
Spring 2021	4/4	100%	Yes
Fall 2021*	—	—	—
Spring 2022*	—	—	—
Fall 2022	3/3	100%	Yes
Spring 2023	2/2	100%	Yes
Fall 2023	6/6	100%	Yes
Spring 2024	2/2	100%	Yes

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10.1.1 Analysis of Data and Plan for Continuous Improvement

2019-2020:

Fall 2019 data is not available as it has been removed from the Moodle taught out of SELU. The grades are improving, but when McNeese students are included there are still a number of them who fall below this benchmark. This semester is also where the master psychopharmacology course modules were added. Perhaps this means that the material is being absorbed well.

2020-2021:

The instructor has dropped the number of questions from 200 to 100 and is monitoring the grades. The PMHNP faculty as a whole plan to evaluate the course for suggestions to the curriculum committee.

2021-2022:

I cannot access the information as this a remote course out of SELU. The IT department there closes the remote courses and I have limited access to the information. This course is being redesigned and will have three tests in the fall as well as being aligned with the new essentials. I am not sure how to continue to monitor this class. I imagine that it will stay with SELU for at least another year or two.

2022-2023:

The final exam has been eliminated and replaced with three tests that must have an 84.5% to pass. This will need to be changed for the future. I am basing the numbers off an 84.5% passage rate. Of note is that in the fall, the new criteria were implemented and out of 6 PMCs enrolled, three dropped out due to this change of policy. An additional two withdrew in the spring with similar issues. In general, at least this year, half of the PMC students are dropping out of both this class and 690.

2023-2024:

Benchmark met. As exams are being revised, they are increasing in their advanced level of questioning through analysis and application. Will continue to monitor and revise as needed, based on certification exam pass rates and student feedback.

11 Assessment and Benchmark NURS 690 Final Exam

Assessment: NURS 690 Final Exam.

Benchmark: 80% of students will earn a score of at least 84.5% on the Psychotherapeutic Theory Paper for NURS 690 - Psychotherapy for the Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nurse.

Outcome Links

Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nursing [Program]

Students will identify competencies of advanced practice psychiatric nursing.

11.1 Data

Term	Earned at least 84.5%		Benchmark met?
	#	%	
Fall 2019	2/2	100%	Yes
Fall 2020	1/2	50%	No
Fall 2021	3/3	100%	Yes
Spring 2022	2/3	66%	No
Fall 2022	4/4	100%	Yes
Spring 2023	2/2	100%	Yes
Fall 2023	11/12	92%	Yes
Spring 2024	9/10	90%	Yes

11.1.1 Analysis of Data and Plan for Continuous Improvement

2019-2020:

The benchmark was met for this term, but needs to be monitored longer. The faculty are continuing to work on PMC writing skills.

2020-2021:

One of two students made a score that was below a B. We need to monitor both fall and spring semesters to develop a broader perspective.

2021-2022:

One PMC student made a score that was below a B between the two semesters. I am thinking we need to restructure this benchmark. We have a student worker who is working on his master's and was an English major spend the summer working on powerpoints with voice overs for APA, grammar, and a test bank. We plan to pilot this during the next academic year and see if it helps.

2022-2023:

This course also had the implementation of the test policy which includes three tests which must have an 84.5% average on the three exams. In the fall, we had six PMCs take this class and two withdrew due to the change in the testing policy. In the spring there were initially four PMC students and two withdrew due to the 84.5% policy

2023-2024:

Benchmark met. As exams are being revised, they are increasing in their advanced level of questioning through analysis and application. Will continue to monitor and revise as needed, based on certification exam pass rates and student feedback.

12 Assessment and Benchmark ANCC or AANP Certification Exams

Assessment: Nurse Practitioner graduates (FNP and PMHNP) and PMHNP PMC graduates take either ANCC or AANP Certification Exams in order to achieve licensure.

Benchmark: Certification Pass Rate of 90%.

12.1 Data

Graduating Semester	FNP Pass Rate		PMHNP Pass Rate		Combined Pass Rate	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Fall 2019	21/21	100%	—	—	21/21	100%
Spring 2020	21/21	100%	3/3	100%	24/24	100%
Fall 2020	17/17	100%	1/1	100%	18/18	100%
Spring 2021	11/11	100%	0/0	—	11/11	100%
Fall 2021	5/5	100%	8/8	100%	13/13	100%
Spring 2022	12/12	100%	3/3	100%	15/15	100%
Fall 2022	14/14	100%	4/4	100%	18/18	100%
Spring 2023	16/16	100%	13/13	100%	29/29	100%
Fall 2023	12/13	92%	13/13	100%	25/26	96%
Spring 2024	3/3	100%	9/9	100%	12/12	100%

*Two students have not tested as of 8/13/2018.

Graduating Semester	PMHNP PMC Pass Rate	
	#	%
Fall 2019	7/7	100%
Spring 2020	8/8	100%
Fall 2020	3/3	100%
Spring 2021	2/2	100%
Fall 2021	6/6	100%
Spring 2022	3/3	100%
Fall 2022	7/7	100%
Spring 2023	3/3	100%
Fall 2023	—	—
Spring 2024	5/5	100%

12.1.1 Analysis of Data and Plan for Continuous Improvement

2019-2020:

We have met the benchmark and will continue to monitor this. Dropping below the 90% on a consistent basis will require re-evaluation of the course content.

2020-2021:

We have met the benchmark and will continue to monitor this. Dropping below the 90% on a consistent basis will require re-evaluation of the course content. The ANCC exam for PMHNPs will likely change in the upcoming year. PMHNP faculty are comparing the test content outline to what is being offered. Most FNP students sit for the AANP exam.

2021-2022:

As far as we know, all have passed as of June 1, 2022.

2022-2023:

Pass rates are all based on self reports. I think we need to keep this one to see if there is a drop after the first full roll out of the test policy has been completed.

2023-2024:

Benchmark met. This data is binary, that is, "pass" or "not pass," so further analysis is not possible. Obtaining a 100% pass rate is the goal of the program. No additional revisions are needed at this time.