Nursing

Degree Type:	**Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)**
Program Length:	**54 credit hours**

What Can You Do With a Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree?

McNeese State University's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree in advanced practice psychiatric mental health nursing is a program that prepares graduates with the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities to assess, evaluate, diagnose and treat a wide variety of mental health conditions in children and adults.

Building on the knowledge and skills of a master's degree in advanced practice nursing, DNP students will graduate prepared to deliver high-quality, evidence-informed and patient-centered care.

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WHY McNEESE?

Here are just a few reasons to make McNeese your first choice …

Advanced Study:

As a doctoral candidate at McNeese, you will build skills through the use of translational science, data analytics and quality improvement methodologies to develop as a clinical scholar as well as improve your nursing practice. You will also develop your leadership skills through effective communication and collaboration to lead and influence teams to improve healthcare safety and quality.

Make a Difference in Your Community:

According to Rural Health Information Hub 2021, 100% of Louisiana parishes are Health Professional Shortage Areas in mental health. McNeese's DNP program – the first of its kind in Louisiana – is intended to create graduates who help address this shortage and facilitate transformative change in the delivery and outcomes of healthcare services to disenfranchised patients, families and communities.

Expert Faculty:

Sara Jones, PhD, APRN, PMHNP-BC, Assoc. Professor of Nursing, leads the DNP program, and brings 10 years of experience as academic faculty and nearly 20 years' experience as a psychiatric mental health nurse. A Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, Dr. Jones has published extensively in psychiatric mental health nursing literature, and is assisted by expert faculty from a variety of disciplines who bring diverse perspectives from both the practice and the academic world.

Earn Your Degree While Working Full Time

Our three-year continuous DNP program is geared towards current advanced practice nurses who are working full time. That means 50-99% of the coursework is delivered online, with minimal on-campus requirements. And best of all, you will receive the full support of the Department of Graduate Nursing's faculty and staff who are dedicated to preparing you to sit for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner board certification examination.

Admission Requirements

- A master's degree in nursing from an NLNAC/ACEN- or CCNE-accredited school as a nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist or certified nurse midwife.
- Must have completed a graduate statistics course within the last five years.
- A current unencumbered advanced practice nursing license from Louisiana or Texas.
- Graduate GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Two professional references.
- A current resumé or curriculum vitae.
- A two- to three-page, double-spaced personal statement that identifies immediate and long-range professional goals; explains how a DNP will enhance future practice; highlights the applicant's current leadership, professional accomplishments and scholarly work; and describes the applicant's academic challenges and strengths.
- An example of the applicant's scholarly writing. This can be from previous coursework, a published work or a short paper that discusses a clinical issue and uses professional references.

Applicants must also complete an electronic interview with the selection committee. In addition to these requirements, students seeking admission to the DNP program must meet all the requirements for admission to the William J. Doré Sr. School of Graduate Studies.

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have a passage rate **100%** on licensure exams.

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