



UC Multi-Campus Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's Certificate Program

The UC Multi-Campus Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's Certificate Program prepares advanced practice nurses to become certified in providing mental health care. The program, a collaboration of the UCSF, UC Davis and UCLA Schools of Nursing, will train 300 new PMHNPs by 2026 to help address California's urgent shortage of mental health professionals.

Partner With Us

UC partners with health care organizations across the state to prepare PMHNP students with the clinical skills to deliver evidence-based mental health care to individuals across the lifespan. These clinical internships:

- Allow students to develop and apply scientific knowledge to clinical practice, including assessment, diagnosis, and clinical decision making to provide direct care for individuals with mental illness.
- Enable students to cultivate skills essential to quality behavioral health care including interprofessional collaborative practice, consultation, structural humility and self-awareness.
- Clinical internships begin in February, and last 10-11 months. Students typically spend 12-20 hours per week at the clinic.
- A Training Affiliation Agreement (TAA) is required between UCSF and the clinical organization. If one does not currently exist, please contact Program Co-Director Deborah Johnson at Deborah.Johnson@ucsf.edu. UCSF will take the lead on developing the TAA.

Become a Preceptor

- Must be a licensed PMHNP, psychiatrist, clinical psychologist, LCSW, LMFT or other graduate level clinician.
- Complete a UCSF-provided competency-based evaluation form on the student every quarter and sometimes twice a quarter, if there is an identified need for a rapid improvement plan.
- Preceptors receive support from a School of Nursing faculty member, who is responsible for overseeing the student's clinical progress, and development of knowledge and skills required for competency as a PMHNP.

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