



Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Track Professional Licensure Information

Professional Licensure Programs

A professional license is typically regulated by state laws and is required for graduates of these programs to practice, to use the professional designation in their title, and/or to gain employment in certain occupations.

The Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) track option in Franklin University's DNP program is designed to prepare students for a career as a licensed Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN).

National Certification

Graduates of Franklin University's DNP, Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner track program option are eligible to apply to sit for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner certification examinations offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) and American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) Certification Board.

State Licensure

Requirements for APRN licensure vary by state and may involve more than successful degree completion. Graduates who apply for licensure may need to satisfy other requirements, such as passing an examination to obtain certification from a national agency, completing an application, paying a fee, and holding an active RN license in the state. States also have varying requirements and scope of practice restrictions for APRNs to prescribe medications that are separate from requirements to obtain an advanced practice nursing license.

Educational requirements for APRN licensure can include specifications for the applicant's type of academic degree, type of educational institution where the academic program was completed, and curriculum content within the academic program. Some states offer multiple pathways to APRN licensure, including accepting the results of a national certification exam, or recognizing a license earned in another state.

The list below pertains only to the educational requirements to obtain an initial state license as an advanced practice nurse. Alternative pathways to licensure and additional requirements, other than educational, are not considered in this list.

Franklin University makes every effort to ensure the information provided on educational requirements for licensure is accurate and up-to-date; however, these requirements are subject to change at any time. Students who will be seeking licensure as an advanced practice nurse are strongly encouraged to visit the associated agency website (linked in the lists below) in the state in which they intend to practice to review all requirements to obtain licensure. *Note: If links are not provided, a website for the nursing regulatory agency in that location is currently unavailable.*



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State/Territory	Franklin's DNP PMHNP Program Meets State/Territory Curriculum Requirements for Licensure	State/Territory is Open for Enrollment in Franklin's DNP PMHNP Program*
Alabama Alabama Board of Nursing	Yes	No
Alaska Alaska Board of Nursing	Yes	No
American Samoa	Yes	No
Arizona Arizona State Board of Nursing	Yes	No
Arkansas Arkansas Board of Nursing	Yes	No
California California Board of Registered Nursing	Yes	No
Colorado Colorado Division of Professions and Occupations: State Board of Nursing	Yes	Yes
Connecticut Connecticut State Department of Public Health	Yes	Yes
Delaware Delaware Division of Professional Regulation: Board of Nursing	Yes	No
District of Columbia District of Columbia Board of Nursing	Yes	No
Federated States of Micronesia	Unable to determine	No
Florida Florida Board of Nursing	Yes	Yes
Georgia Georgia Board of Nursing	Yes	No
Guam Board of Nurse Examiners	Yes	No
Hawaii Board of Nursing	Yes	Yes
Idaho Idaho Board of Nursing	Yes	No



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Illinois Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation: Nurses	Yes	Yes
Indiana Indiana State Board of Nursing	Yes	Yes
Iowa Iowa Board of Nursing	Yes	No
Kansas Kansas Board of Nursing	Yes	No
Kentucky Kentucky Board of Nursing	Yes	Yes
Louisiana Louisiana State Board of Nursing	Yes	No
Maine Maine State Board of Nursing	Yes	Yes
Marshall Islands	Unable to determine	No
Maryland Maryland Board of Nursing	Yes	No
Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing	Yes	No
Michigan Michigan Board of Nursing	Yes	Yes
Minnesota Minnesota Board of Nursing	Yes	No
Mississippi Mississippi Board of Nursing	Yes	Yes
Missouri Missouri Division of Professional Regulation: Board of Nursing	Yes	Yes
Montana Board of Nursing	Yes	Yes
Nebraska Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services Nurse Licensing	Yes	No
Nevada Nevada State Board of Nursing	Yes	Yes



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New Hampshire New Hampshire Board of Nursing	Yes	No
New Jersey New Jersey Board of Nursing	Yes	Yes
New Mexico New Mexico Board of Nursing	Yes	Yes
New York Office of the Professions	Yes	No
North Carolina North Carolina Board of Nursing	Yes	No
North Dakota North Dakota Board of Nursing	Yes	No
Northern Mariana Islands NMI Board of Nursing	Yes	No
Ohio Ohio Board of Nursing	Yes	Yes
Oklahoma Oklahoma Board of Nursing	Yes	No
Oregon Oregon State Board of Nursing	Yes	No
Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing	Yes	Yes
Puerto Rico	Yes	No
Republic of Palau Republic of Palau Bureau of Nursing	Unable to determine	No
Rhode Island Rhode Island Department of Health: Nursing	Yes	Yes
South Carolina South Carolina Board of Nursing	Yes	No
South Dakota South Dakota Board of Nursing	Yes	No
Tennessee Board of Nursing	Yes	No
Texas Texas Board of Nursing	Yes	Yes



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U.S. Virgin Islands Board of Nurse Licensure	Yes	No
Utah Division of Professional Licensing	Yes	No
Vermont Vermont Office of Professional Regulation: Nursing	Yes	Yes
Virginia Board of Nursing	Yes	Yes
Washington Washington State Department of Health	Yes	No
West Virginia West Virginia RN Board	Yes	Yes
Wisconsin Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services: Board of Nursing	Yes	Yes
Wyoming Wyoming State Board of Nursing	Yes	No

**Franklin’s nursing offerings may be closed for enrollment in some locations for reasons other than not meeting curriculum requirements for licensure. State board of nursing requirements related to program approval, clinical experience approval, and faculty in-state licensure are other factors that impact whether or not Franklin can offer a program in a given location.*