



## Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), 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 track option in Franklin University's MSN program is designed to prepare students for a career as a licensed Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN).

### National Certification

Graduates of Franklin University's MSN, Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner track program option are eligible to apply to sit for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner certification examination offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

### 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 lists below pertain 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 these lists.*

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.*

### Program Curriculum Meets State Educational Requirements

- Alabama ([Alabama Board of Nursing](#))
- Alaska ([Alaska Board of Nursing](#))
- Arkansas ([Arkansas Board of Nursing](#))
- Colorado ([Colorado Board of Nursing](#))



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Connecticut ([Board of Examiners for Nursing](#))  
District of Columbia ([Board of Nursing](#))  
Florida ([Florida Board of Nursing](#))  
Guam ([Board of Nurse Examiners](#))  
Hawaii ([Board of Nursing](#))  
Idaho ([State of Idaho Board of Nursing](#))  
Illinois ([Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation](#))  
Indiana ([Indiana State Board of Nursing](#))  
Iowa ([Iowa Board of Nursing](#))  
Maine ([Maine State Board of Nursing](#))  
Massachusetts ([Board of Registration in Nursing](#))  
Michigan ([Michigan Board of Nursing](#))  
Minnesota ([Minnesota Board of Nursing](#))  
Mississippi ([Mississippi Board of Nursing](#))  
Missouri ([Board of Nursing](#))  
Nebraska ([Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services Nurse Licensing](#))  
Nevada ([Nevada State Board of Nursing](#))  
New Mexico ([New Mexico Board of Nursing](#))  
North Carolina ([North Carolina Board of Nursing](#))  
North Dakota ([North Dakota Board of Nursing](#))  
Northern Mariana Islands ([NMI Board of Nursing](#))  
Ohio ([Ohio Board of Nursing](#))  
Oklahoma ([Oklahoma Board of Nursing](#))  
Oregon ([Oregon State Board of Nursing](#))  
Rhode Island ([Board of Nurse Registration & Nurse Education](#))  
South Carolina ([South Carolina Board of Nursing](#))  
South Dakota ([South Dakota Board of Nursing](#))  
Tennessee ([Board of Nursing](#))  
Texas ([Texas Board of Nursing](#))  
Virginia ([Board of Nursing](#))  
Washington ([Nursing Commission](#))  
West Virginia ([West Virginia RN Board](#))  
Wisconsin ([Board of Nursing](#))  
Wyoming ([Wyoming State Board of Nursing](#))

### Program Curriculum Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements

New York ([Office of the Professions](#))  
U.S. Virgin Islands ([Department of Health](#))  
Utah ([Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing](#))

### Program Curriculum Cannot Be Determined to Meet State Requirements

American Samoa  
Arizona ([Arizona State Board of Nursing](#))



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California ([California Board of Registered Nursing](#))  
Delaware ([Delaware Board of Nursing](#))  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Georgia ([Georgia Board of Nursing](#))  
Kansas ([Board of Nursing](#))  
Kentucky ([Kentucky Board of Nursing](#))  
Louisiana ([Louisiana State Board of Nursing](#))  
Marshall Islands  
Maryland ([Maryland Board of Nursing](#))  
Montana ([Board of Nursing](#))  
New Hampshire ([New Hampshire Board of Nursing](#))  
New Jersey ([New Jersey Board of Nursing](#))  
Pennsylvania ([State Board of Nursing](#))  
Puerto Rico  
Republic of Palau  
Vermont ([Vermont State Board of Nursing](#))