

**CLINICAL PLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR
PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER
(PMHNP) PROGRAM**

Out of Middle TN Area (OMTA) Students will be contacted by a PMHNP faculty member from Clinical Placement Team (CPT) to discuss clinical placement requirements, and the clinical placement process. Each OMTA student will have an online face-to-face meeting with a CPT faculty member in mid to late June. The CPT faculty member will contact OMTA students to start the process. Direct entry and post master's certificate (PMC) students in the Middle TN Area (MTA) will be contacted by a CPT faculty member in early July. All rising VUSN Pre-Specialty students will meet with faculty in late April/early May of their Pre-Specialty year. They will learn of their primary clinical placement site in September.

VUSN's Requirements of Agencies:

- Duly licensed by state and federal governing bodies
- Practice site which provides PMHNP learning experiences in the following areas:
 1. Psychiatric assessment and diagnosis
 2. Physical and neurological screening exams
 3. Individual, group, and family therapy
 4. Psychopharmacologic management
 5. Psychiatric consultation and liaison
 6. Case management
 7. Interdisciplinary team collaboration
 8. Evaluation of practice outcomes
- Note: If primary agency is unable to provide all of the required learning experiences, a second agency site or preceptor may be necessary to meet all of the clinical course requirements.

Preceptor Requirements

- 7215, 7225, 7295 Courses: Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners (PMHNP or Psych CNS) or MD with prescriptive authority according to state law, and specialized training in psychiatry and/or addiction medicine or Board-certified.. Students can also work with licensed/masters prepared therapist and psychologists for individual, family, and group therapy hours.
- 7205 course: Physician, Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) or Adult Geriatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP) with ANCC or AANP credentials according to state law (for physical and neurological screening exams as needed) or Physician Assistants (PA's).
- All preceptors must have at least one year of clinical experience and prescriptive authority in their state.

Out of Middle TN Area Students:

- Must work closely with VUSN Clinical Placement Office and PMHNP Specialty Director in identifying appropriate agency site(s) and preceptor(s). VUSN must have legal contract for every site and preceptor. This process is lengthy and can take up to 3-4 months. Generally, hospitals and medical centers take longer than clinics to complete this process.