Degrees Available at SIUE
• Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
  ◦ BSN to DNP Option
  ◦ Post-Master’s DNP Option (for students with current family nurse practitioner certification)

Specialization
• Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Certificate
• Post-Master’s Certificate (for students with current family nurse practitioner certification)

Course Format
• Part-time blended/hybrid
• Full-time blended/hybrid

Please note that international students are ineligible to receive a student visa for this program.

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Specialization at SIUE
The psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner (PMHNP) specialization program provides students with the required clinical competencies and theoretical foundation to deliver quality psychiatric mental health care for patients across the lifespan with advanced skills in evidence-based practice, leadership, policy, finance, informatics and genomics/ethics.

Upon program completion, graduates are eligible to take the psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner certification exam offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

The PMHNP DNP specialization program format is blended/hybrid, meaning classes are offered primarily online, but the learning will be supported by four on-campus immersion experiences scheduled at important points throughout the program. This offering provides students with the best of both worlds; the flexibility of online learning with the personal nature of knowing and directly interacting with nursing faculty. There are also open lab opportunities for students who desire to come on campus for one-on-one help with clinical skills.

Career Opportunities
Due to the current national mental health crisis, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners (PMHNPs) are in high demand, especially in the southern Illinois region. Once board certified and licensed as an advanced practice nurse, PMHNPs are equipped to work in a variety of diverse settings, including private practices, outpatient clinics, schools, college campuses, mental health agencies, veterans’ facilities, correctional facilities, hospitals and research and policy organizations. In addition to working directly with patients and families, PMHNPs are qualified for leadership roles in healthcare settings.

Program Options
Admission requirements, graduation requirements and sample curriculum plans are available at siue.edu/psychiatric-mental-health.