

# Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)

**Job Description:** Under the supervision of a licensed physician, this advanced nursing professional prescribes medication to individuals with mental health and substance use disorders. They also perform diagnostic assessments and psychotherapy for their patients.

**Average Salary (South Carolina):** \$113,430

**Average Salary (National):** \$129,786



## Educational/Experiential/Training Requirements

1. **Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)**
2. **Practical nursing experience**
3. **Master's Degree** (*Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) with a concentration in psychiatric mental health*)
4. **Faculty-supervised clinical hours**

Eligible for [SC Behavioral Health Loan Repayment Program](#) under certain criteria

## Licensure/Certification Requirement(s)

*Optional step\**

1. **National Licensure** (Registered Nurse (RN))
2. **National Certification** (*Board Certified Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC)*)\*
3. **State licensure** ((Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)), *South Carolina Board of Nursing*)
4. **State licensure (Advanced Practical Registered Nurse (APRN))**, *South Carolina Board of Nursing*

## Continuing Education Renewal Requirement(s)

1. **30 contact hours of continuing education units (CEUs)** *every 2 years*
2. **Recertification through PMHNP-BC™ exam** *every 5 years*

