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| Alabama    | Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Alabama.</p> <p>Alabama accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and a master's degree in nursing that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Alaska     | Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Adult or Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Alaska.</p> <p>Alaska accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and a master's degree in nursing that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) which contains state-specific coursework and clinical experience requirements.</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited, contains the state-specific coursework and clinical experience required for licensure, and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Students completing clinical experiences in Alaska must register with the state prior to commencing those experiences, provide evidence they are enrolled in an accredited program that meets Board requirements, and have the agreement between the program and licensed clinical site approved by the Alaska Board of Nursing.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Arizona    | Registered Nurse Practitioner | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Arizona.</p> <p>Arizona accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and a master's degree in nursing that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Arkansas   | Certified Nurse Practitioner | <p>Capella University’s Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Arkansas.</p> <p>Arkansas accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and a master's degree in nursing that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), which contains state-specific coursework and clinical experience requirements.</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited, contains the state-specific coursework and clinical experience required for licensure, and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Colorado   | Advanced Practice Registration | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Colorado.</p> <p>Colorado accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and a master's degree in nursing that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Delaware   | Certified Nurse Practitioner, Psych/Mental Health | <p>Capella University’s Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Delaware.</p> <p>Delaware accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and completion of a graduate level advanced practice registered nurse program that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) which contains state-specific coursework and clinical experience requirements.</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited, contains the state-specific coursework and clinical experience required for licensure, and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Iowa       | Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner, Certified Psych/Mental Health | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Iowa.</p> <p>Iowa accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and completion of a graduate advanced practice registered nurse program that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Kentucky   | Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Kentucky.</p> <p>Kentucky accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body, a passing score on the state-specific examination, and completion of an advanced practice registered nurse program that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants must ensure they obtain a passing score on the Kentucky Jurisprudence Examination and will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Maine      | Certified Nurse Practitioner | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Maine.</p> <p>Maine accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and completion of a graduate nurse practitioner program in nursing that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) which contains state-specific coursework.</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited, contains the state-specific coursework required for licensure, and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Massachusetts | Advanced Practice Registered Nurse | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Massachusetts.</p> <p>Massachusetts accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and completion of a graduate degree program that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) which contains state-specific coursework.</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited, contains the state-specific coursework required for licensure, and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Michigan   | Certified Nurse Practitioner | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Michigan.</p> <p>Michigan accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and a master's or doctoral degree in nursing that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Minnesota  | Certified Nurse Practitioner<br>Population Focus, Health<br>Psychiatric/Mental | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Minnesota.</p> <p>Minnesota accepts a certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and a graduate degree from a state approved advanced practice registered nursing education program that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited, is approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing, and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Mississippi | Advanced Practice Registered Nurse | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Mississippi.</p> <p>Mississippi accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and a master's degree that prepares nurses for an advanced practice nursing specialty role from a program that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Missouri   | Certified Nurse Practitioner | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Missouri.</p> <p>Missouri accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and a graduate level degree in nursing that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) which contains state-specific coursework.</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited, contains the state-specific coursework required for licensure, and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Montana    | Certified Nurse Practitioner | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Montana.</p> <p>Montana accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and completion of a graduate-level program that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) which contains state-specific coursework.</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited, contains the state-specific coursework required for licensure, and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Nebraska   | Nurse Practitioner | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Nebraska.</p> <p>Nebraska accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and completion of a graduate-level program that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Nevada     | Advanced Practice Registered Nurse | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Nevada.</p> <p>Nevada accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and completion of a program that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) which contains state-specific coursework and clinical experience requirements.</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited, contains the state-specific coursework and clinical experience required for licensure, and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| New Hampshire | Advanced Practice Registered Nurse | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in New Hampshire.</p> <p>New Hampshire accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and a graduate degree that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) which contains state-specific coursework and clinical experience requirements.</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited, contains the state-specific coursework and clinical experience required for licensure, and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| New Jersey | Advanced Practice Nurse | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in New Jersey.</p> <p>New Jersey accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and completion of a masters in nursing that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) which contains state-specific coursework.</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited, contains the state-specific coursework required for licensure, and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| New Mexico | Certified Nurse Practitioner | <p>Capella University’s Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in New Mexico.</p> <p>New Mexico accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and completion of a graduate level nurse practitioner program that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| North Carolina | Nurse Practitioner | <p>Capella University’s Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in North Carolina.</p> <p>North Carolina accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and completion of a graduate level nurse practitioner education program that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| North Dakota | Advanced Practice Registered Nurse | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in North Dakota.</p> <p>North Dakota accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and completion of a graduate-level advanced practice registered nurse program that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Ohio       | Advanced Practice Registered Nurse | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Ohio.</p> <p>Ohio accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and completion of a master's degree in a nursing specialty that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) which contains state-specific coursework.</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited, contains the state-specific coursework required for licensure, and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Oklahoma   | Advanced Practice Registered Nurse | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Oklahoma.</p> <p>Oklahoma accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and completion of an advanced practice registered nursing education program that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) which contains state-specific coursework.</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited, contains the state-specific coursework required for licensure, and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Oregon     | Advanced Practice Registered Nurse | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Oregon.</p> <p>Oregon accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and completion of a master's degree in nursing that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) which contains state-specific coursework.</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited, contains the state-specific coursework required for licensure, and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Rhode Island   | Certified Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatric/Mental Health | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Rhode Island.</p> <p>Rhode Island accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and completion of a graduate advanced practice registered nurse program that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |
| South Carolina | Advanced Practice Registered Nurse                      | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in South Carolina.</p> <p>South Carolina accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and completion of a master's degree.</p> <p>Capella's program meets the educational requirements for the national credential awarded by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain a national credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p>   |

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| South Dakota | Certified Nurse Practitioner | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in South Dakota.</p> <p>South Dakota accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and completion of a graduate degree in nursing that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) which contains state-specific coursework and clinical experience requirements.</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited, contains the state-specific coursework and clinical experience required for licensure, and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Texas      | Advanced Practice Registered Nurse | <p>Capella University’s Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Texas.</p> <p>Texas accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and completion of a graduate advanced practice registered nurse program that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) which contains state-specific coursework and clinical experience requirements.</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited, contains the state-specific coursework and clinical experience required for licensure, and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Utah       | Advanced Practice Registered Nurse | <p>Capella University’s Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Utah.</p> <p>Utah accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and completion of a prelicensing education program in advanced practice registered nursing that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited, is approved by the Utah Division of Professional Licensing Nursing Board, and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>An individual specializing in psychiatric mental health nursing shall complete the PMHNP-BC examination before beginning the 3,000 post-graduate hours of required psychiatric clinical and mental health therapy practice required for licensure.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Vermont    | Advanced Practicing Registered Nurse | <p>Capella University’s Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Vermont.</p> <p>Vermont accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and completion of an advanced practice registered nursing degree that is both accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and state-approved, and which contains state-specific coursework.</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited, is approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing, contains the state-specific coursework required for licensure, and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Virginia   | Advanced Practicing Registered Nurse | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Virginia.</p> <p>Virginia accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and a graduate degree in nursing that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Washington | Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Washington.</p> <p>Washington accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and completion of a graduate degree from an advanced nursing education program that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| West Virginia | Certified Nurse Practitioner | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in West Virginia.</p> <p>West Virginia accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and completion of a graduate degree that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) which contains state-specific coursework.</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited, contains the state-specific coursework required for licensure, and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Wisconsin  | Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Wisconsin.</p> <p>Wisconsin accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body, a passing score on the state-specific examination, and completion of a master's degree in nursing that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) which contains state-specific coursework.</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited, contains the state-specific coursework required for licensure, and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants must obtain a passing score on the Wisconsin Statutes and Rules Online Exam and will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |

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| Wyoming    | Advanced Practicing Registered Nurse | <p>Capella University's Master's in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Wyoming.</p> <p>Wyoming accepts certification from a nationally recognized certifying body and completion of a state-board approved graduate advanced practice nurse educational program that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).</p> <p>Capella's program is CCNE accredited, approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing, and meets the educational requirements for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) exam and credential awarded by the American Nurse Credentialing Center.</p> <p>Applicants will need to hold a valid, unencumbered registered nurse license for the jurisdiction in which they intend to practice and obtain the PMHNP-BC credential prior to applying for the advanced practice nurse practitioner license.</p> <p>Applicants are advised that additional fees may be incurred in connection with mandatory examinations—whether nationally administered or imposed by local licensing authorities—as well as for license applications, background checks, and compliance with other jurisdictional regulatory requirements. Furthermore, applicants may be required to satisfy ethical standards and demonstrate adherence to professional conduct rules as a condition of licensure.</p> |