



# Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioners in Oregon

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# PMHNP: What Are They?

- Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP): The PMHNP independently provides health care to clients with mental and emotional needs and/or disorders. Their scope or practice may be further differentiated by care of populations newborn to young adulthood, adolescent to adult, or across the lifespan
- Registered Nurse.
- MSN: Advanced education in pharmacology, pathophysiology, & physical assessment.
- National certification according to patient population.
- Prescriptive authority.

# PMHNP: Where are They?

- 841 total active licensees (267 out-of-state)
  - Baker: 2
  - Benton: 10
  - Clackamas: 49
  - Clatsop: 4
  - Coos: 5
  - Crook: 1
  - Deschutes: 23
  - Douglas: 9
  - Harney: 1
  - Hood River: 2
  - Jackson: 30
  - Jefferson: 1
  - Josephine: 4
  - Klamath: 6
  - Lane: 47
  - Lincoln: 7
  - Linn: 4
  - Malheur: 2
  - Marion: 43
  - Multnomah: 224
  - Polk: 7
  - Tillamook: 1
  - Umatilla: 4
  - Union: 3
  - Wallowa: 1
  - Wasco: 3
  - Washington: 70
  - Yamhill: 11

# PMHNP: Supply Issues

- Only 1 PMHNP educational program in Oregon (OHSU)
  - 16 seats in Portland (may decrease to 12-14 due to lack of available clinical sites).
  - 8 seats total in La Grande, Ashland, Klamath Falls campuses
  - Currently reviewing 15 student applications for distance program. Financing an issue for these students.
- Currently 279 NP students of out-of-state programs working with preceptors in Oregon, 59 of which are PMHNP students.