

## **NEW ONLINE NURSE PRACTITIONER AND GRADUATE COUNSELING PROGRAMS WILL LAUNCH IN SEPTEMBER 2023**

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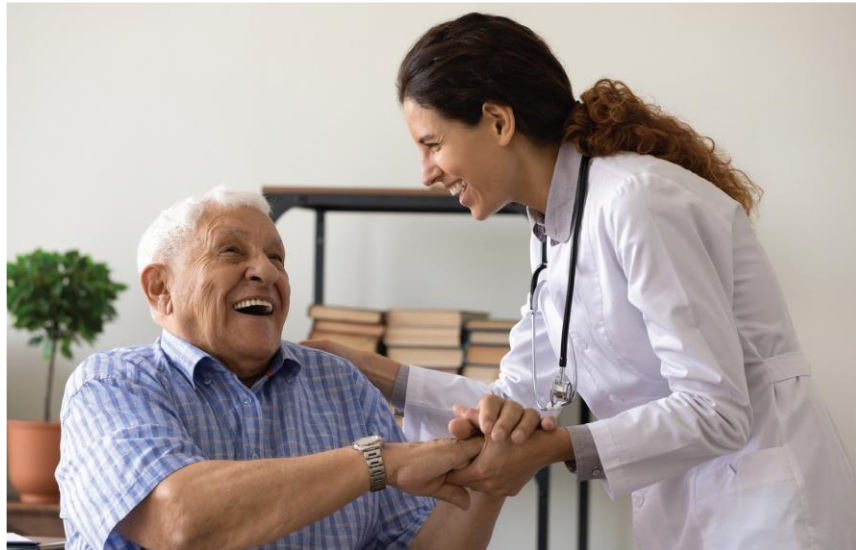
### ***MSN and Post-Master's Certificate: Adult Gerontology – Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AG-ACNP)***

The Division of Nursing and Health Professions has added a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) and a Post-Master's Certificate in Adult Gerontology – Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AG-ACNP) to its nationally and regionally ranked degree offerings.

“As the U.S. population ages, the need increases for nurse practitioners who specialize in adult acute care,” says **Dr. Paula Williams, Dean of the Division of Nursing and Health Professions**. “The MSN in Adult Gerontology – Acute Care Nurse Practitioner programs will prepare a new generation of practitioners to fill this need and enable current nurse practitioners to expand their certifications and practices.”

AG-ACNPs treat patients ages 17 and older, providing long-term care of patients with acute and chronic health problems. They assess patients' health conditions, order and interpret diagnostic tests, prescribe medications, and develop and oversee treatment plans.

Coursework for the programs will be completed online, and students will come to campus for a total of 8-10 days for intensives, where they will meet and interact with their professors and peers. MSN degree and Post-Master's Certificate graduates will be prepared to sit for the national AG-ACNP certification examination.



### ***M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling*** ***M.Ed. in School Counseling***

In response to the rising demand for behavioral health professionals, Rivier has launched online master's degrees in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and School Counseling. Previously available only in an on-campus format, the new online counseling programs will expand educational access and opportunities for students and prepare graduates for licensure within their respective disciplines.

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“Our programs equip the next generation of counselors to improve the lives and learning environments of the populations they serve,” says **Dr. John Gleason, Dean of the Division of Education and Counseling**. “Rivier’s success with online learning supported the extension of these programs to a statewide and regional audience. Our goal is to increase the pool of qualified behavioral health counselors in New Hampshire and beyond.”

The Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling prepares candidates for a variety of mental health counseling positions. The program entails two years of online coursework with two weekends on campus, followed by a one-year, 700-hour internship. Program graduates are eligible for state licensure as licensed clinical mental health counselors and are prepared for the National Clinical Mental Health Licensing Exam.

Master of Education in School Counseling graduates support the educational and emotional growth and well-being of students who struggle with social, emotional, and educational challenges. The program requires two years of online coursework with two weekends on campus, followed by a one-year, 600-hour internship. Upon completion of the program, students are eligible for licensure in school counseling by the New Hampshire Department of Education.

*The University is accepting applications for these new programs for a September 2023 start. Learn more about these and other graduate programs at [www.rivier.edu/gradprograms](http://www.rivier.edu/gradprograms). ■*