

TIMELINE TO INDEPENDENT PRACTICE AS PMHNP IN COLORADO

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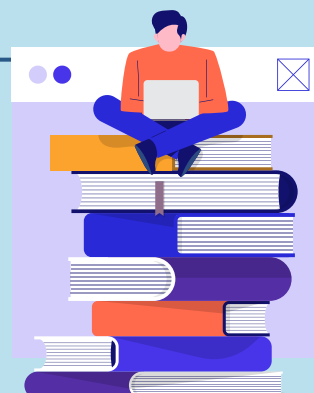


APPLY FOR PMHNP PROGRAM

Complete prerequisites for Post-Graduate Cert. Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) program - Advanced pathophysiology, Advanced health assessment, Advanced pharmacology at CU Nursing August 2023

GRADUATE PMHNP PROGRAM

Complete coursework 15 credits, meet NP role competencies and 630 clinical hours to Graduate in December 2025



Per Section 12-255-112(4)(a)(III), C.R.S.2021

PASS BOARD CERTIFICATION

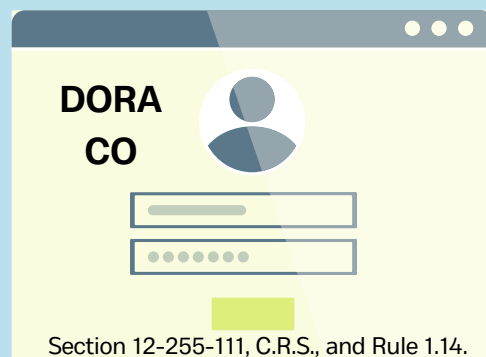
PMHNP-BC credentials Feb 2026 covering:

- Health promotion and/or maintenance
- Differential diagnosis and disease management, including the use and prescription of pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic interventions
- Clinical training in at least two psychotherapeutic treatment modalities,

ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTRY

Obtain provisional prescriptive authority Feb 2026
State Board of Nursing application requires:

- National certification
- Liability Insurance
- Population Focus PMHNP
- Nationally accredited program
- Attest to 3 years RN clinical work experience



Section 12-255-111, C.R.S., and Rule 1.14.



LOCATE PMHNP POSITION

PMHNP-BC position with full scope of practice able to apply own provisional prescriptive authority (RXN-P) per Section (F)(1) and Section (J)(2) of Rule 1.15. CO mentor prior to counting 750 hrs to extend RXN-P knowledge, skill and experience in prescribing available Mar 2026

FIRST PMHNP POSITION

Create and annually maintain mentor RXN signed articulated plan per Section (C)(23) of Rule 1.15 containing:

- A mechanism for consultancy and referral
- A quality assurance plan
- Decision support tools
- Documentation of safe prescribing



PROVISIONAL PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY

- Mentor NP with full prescriptive authority and unrestricted DEA registration or physician
- Can be video synchronous supervision in CO
- Mutually structured Mentorship Agreement.
- Prescribe under own RXN-P
- Medications and controlled substances Schedule II - V.
- 750 hrs at full scope of practice

PMHNP-BC PRIVATE PRACTICE

Dec 2026 practicing as a PMHNP-BC with full prescriptive authority in own private practice / Telehealth with avenue for consultation and collaboration with Mentor NP-RXN

