



**GEORGIA  
SOUTHERN  
UNIVERSITY**

**Savannah • Statesboro • Milledgeville**



Statesboro Campus

**Inviting Applications and Nominations for**

**Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse**

**Practitioner**

**in the**

**School of Nursing**

**Don & Cindy Waters College of Health Professions**

**Georgia Southern University**, a comprehensive research institution of the University System of Georgia, seeks an experienced **Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner** to serve in the School of Nursing in the Waters College of Health Professions. An academic, 9-10-month tenure-track appointment, this faculty member will hold the rank of **Assistant Professor of Nursing**.



### The Opportunity

Georgia Southern University is the state's largest and most comprehensive center of higher education south of Atlanta. With 141 degree programs at the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels, Georgia Southern is a public Carnegie Doctoral/R2 institution and serves nearly 26,500 students from all 50 states, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico as well as 102 nations.

Through three vibrant campuses — the Statesboro Campus, the Armstrong Campus in Savannah, and the Liberty Campus in Hinesville, Georgia Southern prepares diverse scholars for leadership and service as world citizens. A unit of the University System of Georgia,

the University offers substantial opportunities for academic innovation.

Georgia Southern has nine colleges:

- College of Arts and Humanities
- College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
- College of Business
- College of Education
- Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Computing
- Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies
- Don and Cindy Waters College of Health Professions
- Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health



- College of Science and Mathematics
- The Waters College of Health Professions includes the School of Nursing and three academic departments: the Department of Diagnostic and Therapeutic Sciences, the Department of Health Sciences and Kinesiology, and the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences.

The School of Nursing is committed to helping meet the needs of the multicultural rural populations of the region by providing high-quality nursing education programs. The School incorporates high academic and ethical standards and a caring, learning environment for students consistent

## GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

Georgia Southern University is a public comprehensive and Carnegie Doctoral/Research university offering associate, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in nationally accredited programs in the liberal arts, sciences, and professional disciplines.

The university provides transformative learning opportunities to meet the needs of a diverse student population through its legacy of commitment to academic excellence and personal attention.

Through the shared resources of its multiple locations, the university creates vibrant learning environments that foster an inclusive, student-centered culture of engagement, designed to prepare students for lifelong service as scholars, leaders, and responsible stewards of their communities.

The University enhances the quality of life and drives economic development in the Coastal Georgia region, the State of Georgia, and beyond by supporting collaborative efforts in technological innovation, scientific advancement, education, health services, artistic creativity, and cultural enrichment.

Faculty, staff, and students embrace the values of integrity, civility, kindness, respect, sustainability, citizenship, and social responsibility in every facet of the university.

## SCHOOL OF NURSING MISSION STATEMENT

The School of Nursing, through excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service, provides comprehensive and innovative nursing programs that promote health and quality of life using a global perspective. The School's hallmark is a culture of caring in which faculty, staff, and students embrace the core values of holism, diversity, social and ethical accountability, transcultural competence, leadership, and citizenship.

Central to the nationally accredited School's mission is the faculty's commitment to excellence in graduate and undergraduate nursing education. Within a student-centered environment, the faculty promotes critical thinking and competence in evidence-based nursing practice. The highly qualified and diverse graduates of the academic programs meet nursing-related health needs and address both health and health care disparities with an emphasis on rural and other vulnerable populations.

Through collaboration and a process of engagement, faculty, staff, and students within the School of Nursing serve the university, the community, practice environments, and the nursing profession. Scholarly activities and dissemination of knowledge address vulnerable populations, health promotion, and nursing education.



with the mission and objectives of the University. The School is dedicated to graduating nursing professionals who are leaders and capable of meeting the health care challenges of the 21st century.

The School of Nursing has 53 full-time and 66 part-time faculty members with classes taught on both the Statesboro and Armstrong campuses and online. The School of Nursing currently enrolls 163 graduate and 613 undergraduate students. The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner track has 18 students.

There are four undergraduate nursing degree programs: the **Bachelor of Science in Nursing**, the **Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN)**, the **LPN/LVN-BSN Advanced Placement Track (Bachelor of Science in Nursing for Licensed Practical Nurse)**, and the **RN-BSN (Online Bachelor of Science in Nursing for RNs)**.

At the graduate level, Georgia Southern offers the **Post-BSN to Doctor of Nursing Practice with Master of Science in Nursing** opt out, the

**Master of Science in Nursing (Chronic Care Management and Nursing Education)**, and the **Post-MSN Doctor of Nursing Practice** programs. All of the graduate nursing programs are online, with faculty from both campuses contributing to these programs.

Four **Post-Master of Science in Nursing Certificates** are available: the **Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)**, the **Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)**, the

**Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner**, and the **Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner**. These graduate programs place Georgia Southern at the top of the list of nursing schools in the state, boasting a **passing rate of 99 percent on certification exams**. The School continues to break the barriers of nursing education, providing the training students need to pursue nursing and teaching careers.



The School of Nursing offers state-of-the-art facilities and labs on both the Statesboro and Armstrong campuses.

The new \$24-million Health Professions Academic Building houses the Waters College of Health Professions on the Armstrong Campus. With the ribbon-cutting held January 2019, the construction project included the new two-story, 63,000-square-foot health professions facility and associated renovations to the 46,000-square-foot Ashmore Hall.

The new facility has a Simulation Suite and provides a variety of hands-on team-oriented learning opportunities for students. Other features of the building include nursing skills and assessment labs, communication sciences and disorders labs, cardiovascular intervention sciences lab, medical laboratory sciences, radiation therapy, nuclear medicine, and sonography.

## About the Position

The successful PMHNP candidate will have the opportunity to participate in charting a new course for nursing education at Georgia Southern through course and program development, innovative instruction, and formulating academic partnerships that will provide



students with state-of-the-art learning experiences. Reporting to the Chair of the School of Nursing, the selected individual will be allowed to choose to be based in Statesboro or Savannah. Work may require some teaching on the University's other campuses.

While the University is seeking a doctorally prepared PMHNP to teach primarily in the PMHNP track, this faculty member may teach courses outside of the track now or in the future based on scheduling.

Duties and responsibilities include:

- Conducting didactic and clinical instruction in undergraduate and graduate courses.
- Participating in student advising and success.
- Participating in ongoing program and curricular assessment.
- Demonstrating continuing professional growth and scholarly development.
- Maintaining expertise in areas of responsibility.
- Participating and serving in departmental, college, and university committees and initiatives.

## CATHERINE GILBERT, EdD, RN

School of Nursing Chair and Professor

Dr. Catherine Gilbert joined the faculty of Armstrong in Savannah in 2003 as Assistant Professor of Nursing and rose through the academic ranks. She was Chair of the School of Nursing at the university when the institution was consolidated with Georgia Southern. She continued in her leadership role of the School of Nursing on both the Statesboro and Armstrong campuses.

She earned her BSN degree in 1989 from Ryerson University and MS degree in 1992 from the University of Toronto, both located in Ontario, Canada. She received her EdD degree from Georgia Southern University in 2006.

## Minimum Qualifications

Candidate must have before starting work an earned doctorate in nursing, or a closely related field, and an active unencumbered RN licensure in Georgia. Certification and licensure as a Nurse Practitioner in the state of Georgia and at least one year of clinical experience as a PMHNP also are required.

Candidate must be prepared to relocate to the surrounding area and be authorized to work in the United States



- Commitment to diversity and inclusion
- Technological literacy and a commitment to integrate technology into teaching and scholarship

### Georgia Southern University

Georgia Southern has a rich history in serving the state's educational needs as two outstanding institutions.

The Statesboro Campus was founded in 1906 as a school for teaching modern agricultural production techniques and homemaking skills to rural school children, with its first classes held in 1908. As the mission and needs of the region changed over the next eight decades, so did the institution. In 1990, it became Georgia Southern University, the state's first regional academic institution south of Atlanta.

Armstrong State University went through a similar transformation. Founded in 1935 by the City of Savannah as a junior college, Armstrong became a two-year unit of the University System of Georgia in 1959 and received four-year status five years later. In 1978, the college gained state university status. In 2016, it opened a second campus in Liberty County, providing special services to military personnel.



for the duration of employment without assistance from the institution.

Preferred qualifications include:

- Doctor of Nursing Practice degree
- Five years of clinical experience as a PMHNP
- Previous teaching experience at the university level in baccalaureate and/or graduate nursing education
- Experience in online instruction and development and human simulation
- Experience working with a diverse student body

Other qualifications:

- Commitment to excellence in teaching and learning as evidenced by a presentation to faculty and students during the campus visit
- Promise of productive scholarship consistent with the teacher-scholar model, including grant writing
- Demonstrated commitment to excellence in teaching, scholarship, and learning that is consistent with the College's priorities for the School and mission of the University

In 2018, the Georgia University System consolidated Armstrong State University and Georgia Southern University, creating an institution that retained the Georgia Southern University name and the outstanding academic programs of both.

The University serves diverse student populations at each campus location, including a predominantly traditional student population at Statesboro, a significant non-traditional student population at Armstrong, and a strong military-affiliated student population at Liberty. In addition, Georgia Southern offers a wide range of online programs and a strong Division of Continuing Education.

Since its earliest days, the University's hallmark has been a culture of engagement that bridges theory with practice, extends the learning environment beyond the classroom, and promotes student growth and life success. Central to the University's mission is the faculty's dedication to excellence in teaching and the development of a fertile learning environment exemplified by a free exchange of ideas, high academic expectations, and individual responsibility for academic achievement.

Georgia Southern University has received numerous national recognitions. These include being ranked number one in "The Best Schools for Military Students 2019" by *Best for Vets Colleges*. The University was named a "Military-Friendly" Gold school for the seventh year in a row in 2018 by Victory Media, publisher of *G.I. Jobs*, *STEM Jobs*, and *Military Spouse* magazines.

The campuses are home to state-of-the-art residence halls and exceptional campus facilities, including a multidisciplinary academic building on the Statesboro Campus. The University

was included on the prestigious “2018 Green Ribbon Schools” list by the U.S. Department of Education. For the eighth year in a row, Georgia Southern University was named one of the nation’s top eco-friendly campuses in *The Princeton Review’s Guide to 399 Green Colleges: 2018 Edition*.

The University boasts 200-plus student organizations and outstanding NCAA Division I athletics.

### Statesboro, Georgia

Georgia Southern University’s Statesboro Campus is located in an inviting city with a population of approximately 31,000. Statesboro is known for its hospitality, friendliness, mild year-round climate, and high quality of life. The city’s downtown was named one of eight “Renaissance Cities” by *Georgia Trend* magazine and recently earned the #3 spot in the America’s Best Communities competition, in recognition of Statesboro’s Blue Mile revitalization initiative.

### Savannah, Georgia

Georgia Southern’s Armstrong Campus is located in Savannah, a vibrant, coastal city with a metropolitan-area population of approximately 380,000. Savannah has earned accolades for its historic charm and the fact that it is home to one of the largest National Landmark Historic Districts in the United States.

Savannah has been honored by *Travel + Leisure* as one of the World’s Best Cities, by *Southern Living* as one of the South’s Best Cities, and by The Travel Channel as one of America’s Best College Towns.

### Hinesville, Georgia

The Liberty Campus is around 40 miles southwest of Savannah in Hinesville, a historic city with a population of



approximately 35,000. Home to the U.S. Army Base Fort Stewart, the city is rich in Colonial, Revolutionary War, and

Civil War history. The area abounds with opportunities for biking, hiking, kayaking, and other outdoor activities.

## Application and Nomination Process

Confidential inquiries are welcomed, and nominations are invited.

### 1. To Apply - Application packets must include:

- Letter of interest
- Current curriculum vitae
- At least five references with full contact information, including e-mail addresses (References will not be contacted without consent from applicant.)

Information regarding additional required materials will be sent after receiving the candidate’s application packet.

### 2. Submit applications (preferably at PDFs) to [GASouthern@myersmcræ.com](mailto:GASouthern@myersmcræ.com) Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

**Submit nominations to [GASouthern-nominate@myersmcræ.com](mailto:GASouthern-nominate@myersmcræ.com)** with full contact information, including e-mail address, for the individual being nominated.

**Emily Parker Myers**, Chief Executive Officer, and **Jennifer Barfield**, Senior Vice President, of **Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting** are assisting Georgia Southern University with this search.



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