



**LIBERTY**  
UNIVERSITY.

INVITING APPLICATIONS AND NOMINATIONS FOR  
**Adjunct Faculty Positions for**  
**PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH**  
**NURSE PRACTITIONERS**  
**EXECUTIVE SEARCH**

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**LIBERTY UNIVERSITY**, one of the largest private, non-profit universities in the United States, seeks **Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners** for adjunct PMHNP faculty positions for the 2020-2021 academic year. Applications and nominations are now being accepted.

## The University

Founded in 1971, Liberty University is an accredited evangelical liberal arts institution. It has 17 colleges and schools, more than 100,000 students, and over 600 programs of study from the certificate to the doctoral level. Over 400 of these programs are available online to students around the globe, including those serving in the U.S. military.

The beautiful 7,000-acre campus in Lynchburg, VA, has more than 350 buildings, which are equipped with state-of-the-art teaching and research resources.

Liberty faculty are mentors as well as distinguished

educators. They have real-world experience, advanced degrees from some of the world's most respected schools, and a strong commitment to the Christian faith.

The University has been paving the way in distance education since the mid-1980s. Today, students access course content in Blackboard and over 750,000 electronic books, journals, and peer-reviewed articles.

Liberty is ranked in the top 1% of more than 2,100 online colleges and universities for academic quality, affordability, and accessibility by BestColleges.com — and ranked as the #2 online school in America by Niche.com.

Candidates must be committed to the evangelical standards and mission of Liberty University. Finalists will complete Liberty's online application that requires agreement with the University's faith statement and a letter from their pastor. A copy of Liberty's faculty application form is available for review at [https://www.liberty.edu/media/1312/applications/FacultyApp-08042009\\_Final.pdf](https://www.liberty.edu/media/1312/applications/FacultyApp-08042009_Final.pdf).



Learn more about Liberty University at [www.Liberty.edu](http://www.Liberty.edu).

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## The Opportunity

Liberty University School of Nursing (LUSON) blends the art of caring with the expertise of science and research giving students a holistic approach to the nursing field. Students are taught how to care for their patients physically as well as tend to their mental, emotional, and spiritual needs.

The baccalaureate degree program in nursing, master's degree program in nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice program, and the post-graduate APRN certificate program at Liberty University School of Nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

The School has five 100% online postgraduate and doctoral programs:

- Postgraduate Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Doctor of Nursing Practice
- Doctor of Nursing Practice/Family Nurse Practitioner (*also available as a residential program*)
- Doctor of Nursing Practice/Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Ph.D. in Nursing – Nursing Education

The PMHNP faculty will support the DNP/Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program. This will include teaching responsibilities in one or more of the following: residential classroom /executive format that may include lab, online courses, clinical and practicum instruction/supervision, student advising, scholarship, student projects, and clinical practice.



**SHANNA AKERS, EdD, MSN/MBA-HC, RN, CNE**  
*Dean and Associate Professor, School of Nursing*

Dr. Shanna Akers serves as the Dean of the Liberty University School of Nursing. Since joining Liberty University in 2009, she has served in various roles, including RN-BSN Program Chair, School of Nursing Associate Dean, and in the Office of the Provost as Administrative Dean for Undergraduate Programs.

At the University, Dean Akers has taught courses in the undergraduate and graduate programs. Her love for critical care nursing keeps her connected to bedside nurses and nursing students who desire to be critical care and emergency service nurses.

Previously, she was the Director of the Cardiovascular Service Line of a multi-hospital system in Louisiana. During her nursing career as a critical care nurse, she specialized in cardiac care. Her interests include cardiac health and prevention, women's cardiac health, sudden cardiac death syndrome, and congestive heart failure.

Dean Akers earned her Bachelor of Science degree at Virginia Commonwealth University and her Master of Science in Nursing/Master of Business Administration-Healthcare degree from the University of Phoenix. She received both her Specialist in Education degree and Doctor of Education degree from Liberty University.

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## The Position

PMHNP faculty members report to the Chair of the APRN/DNP program, with the Program Director overseeing all courses. To be successful in this position, a candidate must have experience in graduate-level instruction, scholarship, and clinical experience with PMHNP students and be active in clinical practice. Faculty will have opportunities to participate in departmental and university responsibilities.

### Key Responsibilities:

- Collaborates with the PMHNP Lead Faculty, Practicum Coordinator, Advisor, Faculty Support Coordinator, and ultimately, the Chair of Doctoral Studies in Nursing to support the DNP/PMHNP program and PMHNP practicum courses and scholarly projects.
- Provides direct and indirect practicum supervision to designated students, consistent with the program and course learning objectives that includes advising, supervising, and evaluating PMHNP practicum students.
- Provides didactic teaching through Blackboard and Microsoft Teams.
- Provides direct support to PMHNP and Family Practice Practicum Lead Faculty through the grading of practicum assignments of designated students.
- Serves as the primary liaison on behalf of the School of Nursing between the Practicum Preceptor and Practicum Course Lead Faculty.
- Conducts evaluation of designated practicum students in the practicum setting at least once during each practicum course. This may include site visits or collaboration and dialog with student and preceptor via e-mail, electronic communications, or in-person. This evaluation will include the site, the preceptor, and the student's ability to meet practicum requirements and student learning objectives.
- Additional duties as assigned.



**Diane Bridge, EdD, EdS, MSN, RN**

*Administrative Dean, Online Nursing Education,  
and Associate Professor, School of Nursing*

Dr. Diane Bridge serves as a full-time undergraduate nursing professor at Liberty University and is the Administrative Dean of the RN-BSN, MSN, and PhD programs. She began her career in medical-surgical nursing and has specialized in this area with a focus on geriatrics. She has since worked in medical-surgical, orthopedics, and cardiac care.

After many years of bedside nursing, Diane transitioned into nursing education and nursing leadership positions. Today, Dr. Bridge enjoys working with undergraduate nursing students who are seeking to use nursing as a ministry while developing excellent nursing skills.

Dr. Bridge holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana University in Pennsylvania and a Master of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Phoenix. She received both her Specialist in Education degree and Doctor of Education degree from Liberty University.

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## Minimum Qualifications

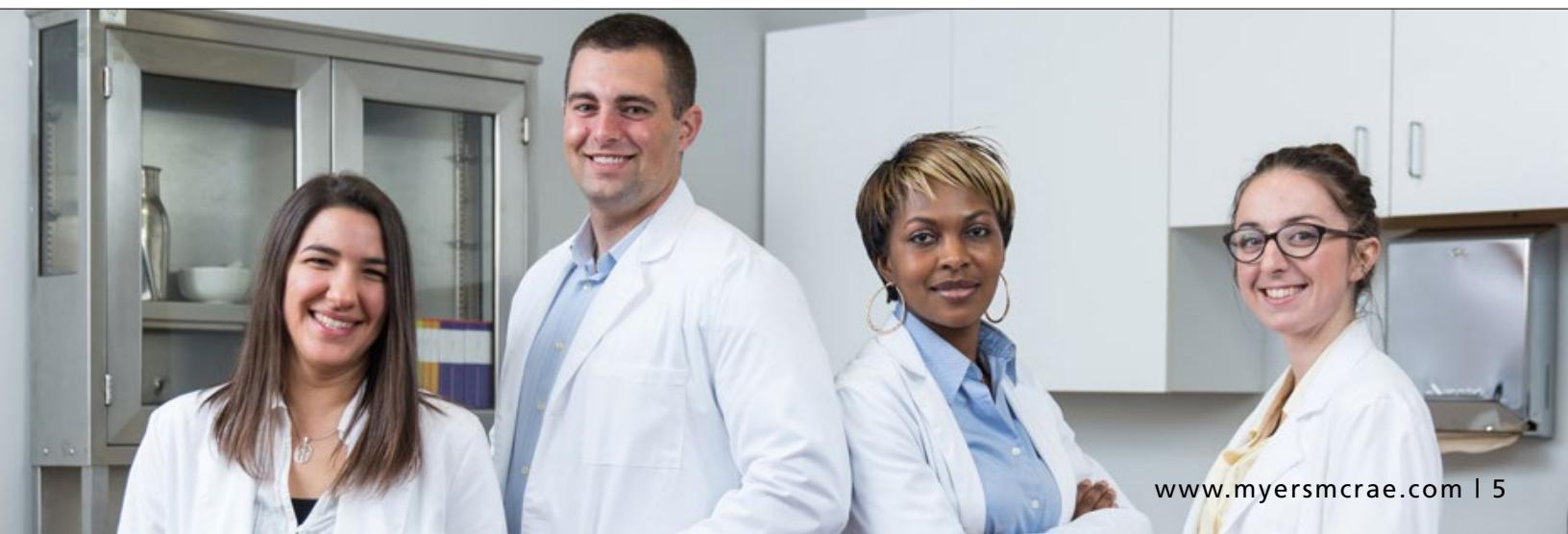
A graduate degree in nursing with preparation as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner is required. A current and unencumbered Registered Nurse and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse license for the state where candidate is located if teaching online, or eligible for an unencumbered Registered Nurse and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse license in Virginia if teaching on the campus, is required.

Other requirements include:

- National certification as a PMHNP from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or the American Association of Nurse Practitioners® (AANP)
- Current certification in American Heart Association CPR for Healthcare Provider with an AED
- Excellent computer skills, including Blackboard and Microsoft Teams
- Current clinical practice in the role of PMHNP
- Excellent personal communication and professional manner

## Preferred Qualifications

- DNP or PhD degree
- Certification as a FNP in addition to PMHNP certification
- Five years of experience as a PMHNP in a direct-care setting
- Experience in graduate-level instruction, scholarship, and clinical experience with PMHNP students
- Experience in practicum and student supervision



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## Lynchburg, VA

Lynchburg, VA, has a population of more than 75,000, with the metropolitan area, the fifth largest MSA in Virginia, tallying more than 250,000 residents.

Situated on the banks of the James River, Lynchburg has a vibrant central city that fosters a strong sense of community and offers outstanding cultural venues, performing arts, and recreational opportunities. Locally owned stores, casual and fine dining restaurants, art galleries, theatre, and special events mean something is always happening downtown. Lynchburg operates one of the top school systems in the state.

Outdoor recreational opportunities include hiking, camping, biking, fishing, boating, rowing, rock climbing, and more. Eight miles of hiking and biking trails, including portions through downtown, run through the city's Blackwater Creek Natural Area.

Nearby cities include Roanoke, VA, at 50 miles; Greensboro, NC, at 115 miles; and Washington, DC, at 180 miles.



## STATEMENT OF MISSION AND PURPOSE

Maintaining the vision of the founder, Dr. Jerry Falwell, Liberty University develops Christ-centered men and women with the values, knowledge, and skills essential to impact the world.

Through its residential and online programs, services, facilities, and collaborations, the University educates men and women who will make important contributions to their workplaces and communities, follow their chosen vocations as callings to glorify God, and fulfill the Great Commission.

Liberty University will:

1. Emphasize excellence in teaching and learning.
2. Foster university-level competencies in communication, critical thinking, information literacy, and mathematics in all undergraduate programs.
3. Ensure competency in scholarship, research, and professional communication in all graduate programs and undergraduate programs where appropriate.
4. Promote the synthesis of academic knowledge and a Christian worldview in order that there might be a maturing of spiritual, intellectual, social and physical value-driven behavior.
5. Enable students to engage in a major field of study in career-focused disciplines built on a solid foundation in the liberal arts.
6. Promote an understanding of the Western tradition and the diverse elements of American cultural history, especially the importance of the individual in maintaining democratic and free market processes.
7. Contribute to a knowledge and understanding of other cultures and of international events.
8. Encourage a commitment to the Christian life, one of personal integrity, sensitivity to the needs of others, social responsibility and active communication of the Christian faith, and, as it is lived out, a life that leads people to Jesus Christ as the Lord of the universe and their own personal Savior.

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## Application and Nomination Process

Confidential inquiries are welcomed, and nominations are invited.

**Application packet** must include:

1. Letter of interest
2. Current curriculum vitae
3. Five references with full contact and e-mail information, including at least two professional and one pastoral (or small group leader, etc.) (References will not be contacted without applicant's consent.)

Additional information will be requested upon receipt of application.

**Submit application** packet (preferably as PDFs) to [Liberty-PMHNP2@myersmcrae.com](mailto:Liberty-PMHNP2@myersmcrae.com). Applications will be reviewed and considered upon receipt. For best consideration, submit materials by September 10, 2020.

**Submit nominations** to [Liberty-PMHNP2-nominate@myersmcrae.com](mailto:Liberty-PMHNP2-nominate@myersmcrae.com) with complete contact and e-mail information on the individual being nominated.

**Emily Parker Myers**, CEO, and **Jennifer Barfield**, Senior Vice President, of **Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting**, are assisting Liberty University with this search.

Request a confidential conversation at [myersmcrae@myersmcrae.com](mailto:myersmcrae@myersmcrae.com).



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