

**Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse
Practitioner Program
New Mexico State University**

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Mission of the NMSU School of Nursing

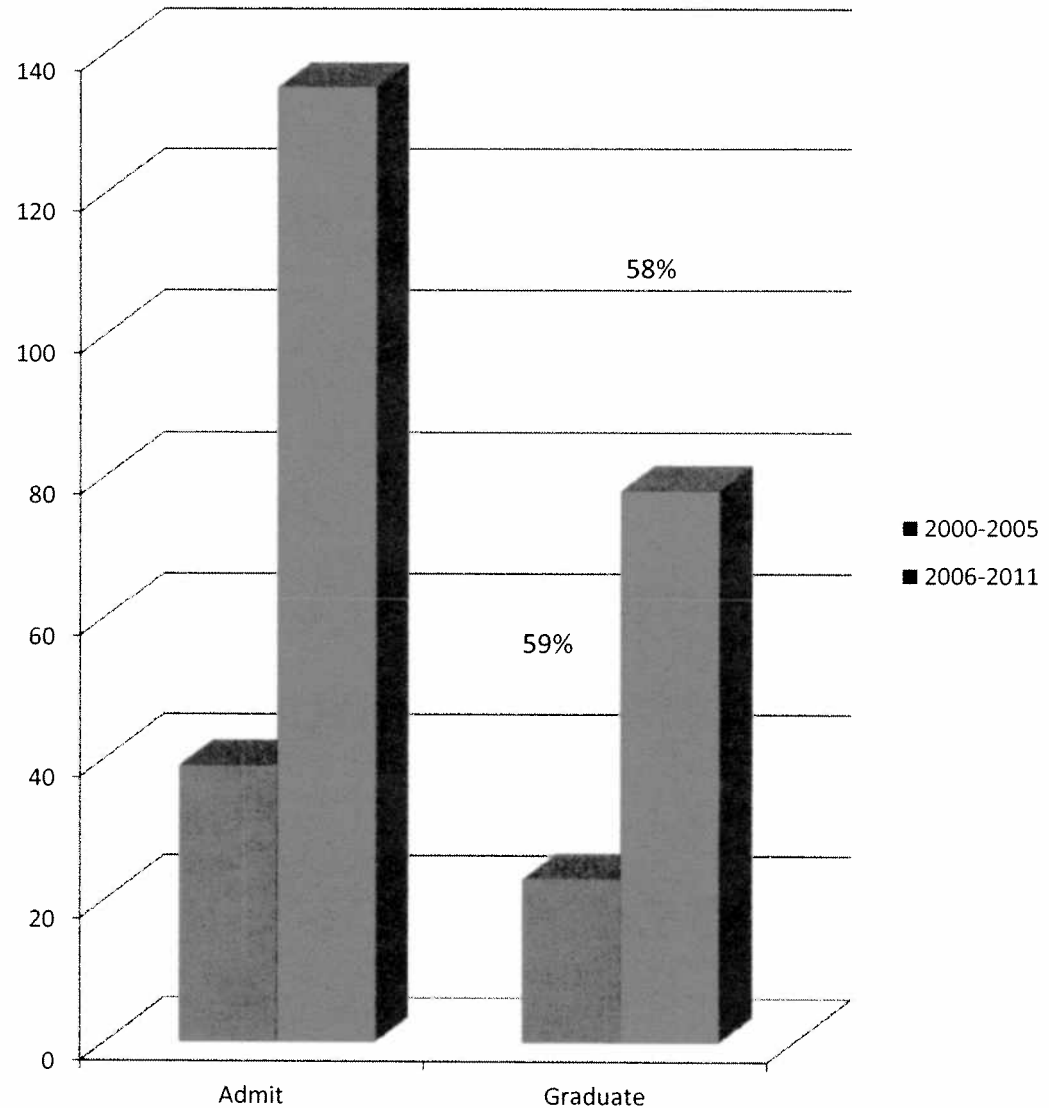
The mission of NMSU School of Nursing is to promote health and improve the quality of life in the people of New Mexico through nursing education, research, practice, and public service recognizing the state's multicultural heritage and dynamic border environment. The mission of the School of Nursing reflects a commitment to the mission of the university and the standards of professional nursing practice by demonstrating excellence in nursing education, research, practice, and public service.

Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program

- This graduate program is to provide education for mental health advance practice nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists who will provide mental health care for residents of the state of New Mexico.

OUTCOMES OF FUNDING

In 2006 The Legislature of New Mexico began funding a psychiatric mental health advanced practice nurse program. The purpose was to increase the number of primary care practitioners for New Mexico. Between the years 2000-2005 there were 39 students admitted to the psychiatric/mental health nursing program and 23 graduated (59%). However from 2006-present there were 135 students admitted to the program and 78 (58%) have graduated.

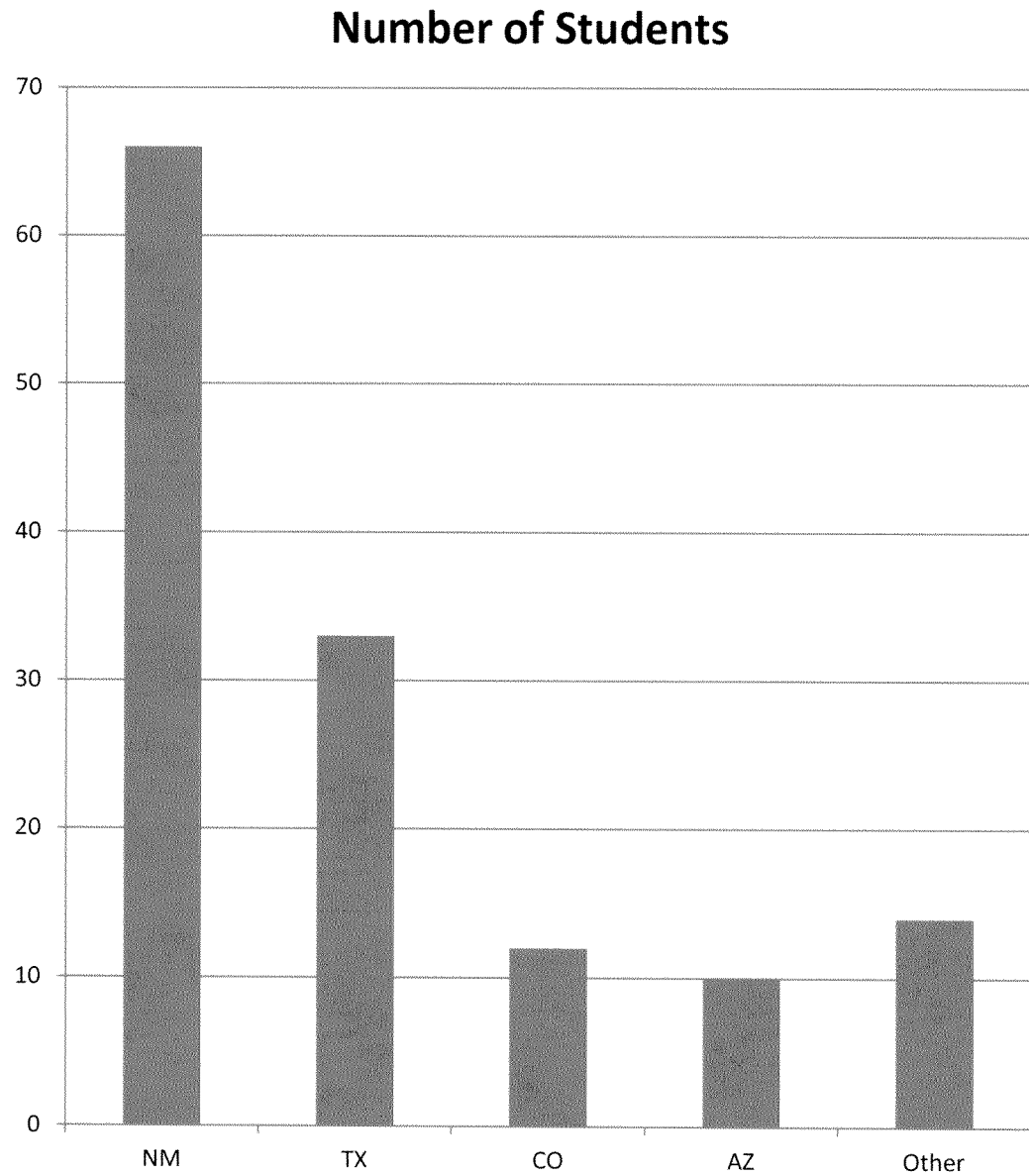


Students in the Program

- Those students who were admitted between 2006-present had a mean age of
- 44.4 \pm 9.5 years,
- 19% were male, and
- 54% identified themselves as other than “White non Hispanic.”

Resident State

Even though we have an online program and we have students from all over the country, the students are predominantly from New Mexico.



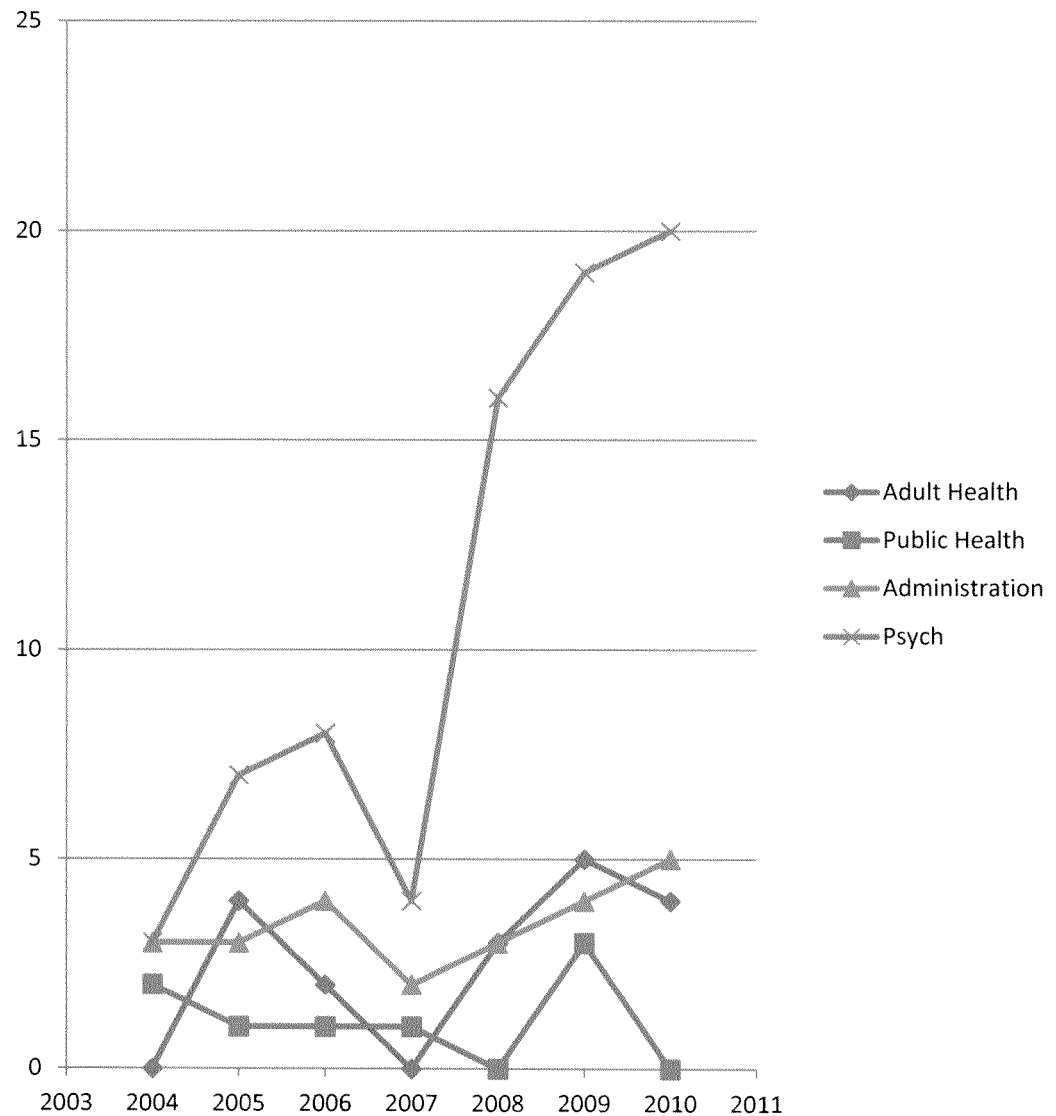
Growth of the Mental Health NP Program

As the following graph indicates we have graduated a large number of mental health nurse practitioners over the years of this program funding. We have no reason to believe that there will be a lack of nurses seeking to become psychiatric/mental health nurses.

No psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioner students were admitted in 2010 because we had anticipated beginning the DNP which would replace those students that had been previously admitted as MSN students and were now to be admitted as Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) students. However the DNP program was delayed and did not start until Fall 2011. At that time 11 students were admitted.

We anticipate that the DNP will be producing additional psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners with a doctorate which will provide enhanced mental health care. In order to attract appropriate faculty to teach in the program we anticipate the need for further funding to the program.

MSN GRADUATES



5-Year Funding History				
FY 2012	FY2011	FY2010	FY2009	FY2008
\$252,800	\$355,500	\$388,000	\$316,900	\$300,000

Funds are primarily used for faculty salaries.

Admissions have already been reduced and further reduction in admissions is likely if funding is reduced further.

The DNP will replace the MSN. We anticipate many of our MSN graduates will return for the DNP and BSN graduates will choose to join the DNP program.

NMSU is the only provider of the psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioner in New Mexico.