

Attention Psychiatric RNs (practicing staff nurses, managers, and faculty)!

Dr. Gina Panozzo DNP, RN-PMH-BC, CNE is offering a psychiatric-mental health board certification review course for RNs. Even if nurses are not eligible yet to take the exam, the course will prepare them and allow time to study before exam time comes.

Eligibility for the exam from the ANCC website:

- "Hold a current, active RN license in a state or territory of the United States or hold the professional, legally recognized equivalent in another country.
- Have practiced the equivalent of 2 years full-time as a registered nurse.
- Have a minimum of 2,000 hours of clinical practice in psychiatric–mental health nursing within the last 3 years.
- Have completed 30 hours of continuing education in psychiatric–mental health nursing within the last 3 years."

The event is on Friday, August 13, 2021, on Zoom from 830AM-530PM (CST) (with breaks built in). No books or materials are required. Dr. Panozzo bought and reviewed all ten books on the suggested ANCC list prior to creating my course found at: <https://www.nursingworld.org/~4996c1/globalassets/certification/certification-specialty-pages/resources/test-reference-lists/psychiatricmentalhealth-trl-after.pdf>. Having passed the exam in the 99th percentile and teaching psychiatric nursing for many years, her course is quite comprehensive and well-developed. The course includes a mix of case studies, lecture, group work, and practice test questions. Her review courses are controlled/small to allow for attention and focus on the participants and their specific needs. Her course prepares eligible psychiatric RNs to sit for the board certification exam through the ANCC and earn credential-displayed as RN-PMH-BC, upon passing the exam. Her research trajectory notes a connection among board certification and psychiatric nurses feeling more competent, confident, and comfortable communicating and working with patients, especially those with psychosis. Board certification allows for a level of competence and expertise without an additional formal degree and maintains integrity and high standards of the organization where the nurses are employed. For faculty, having board certification assists you in demonstrating you are experientially qualified for the area you teach in. Surprisingly, when reviewing national data, only few psychiatric nurses are board certified. There are 11,223 RNs in the USA with BC certification, but over 134,000 practicing psychiatric nurses (not NPs), per the ANCC (American Nurses Credentialing Center).

ANCC Specific 2020 Data:

Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing:

1,036 RNs took the exam

792 passed (this is only a 76% pass rate)

1,094 renewed

In total: 11,233 RNs hold certification

*Due to the low pass rate, proper preparation and a review course can assist in success.

Your Host, Learning Facilitator, and Educator

Dr. Gina Panozzo DNP, RN-PMH-BC, CNE, a passionate nurse educator, researcher, psychiatric nurse, and consultant, assists nursing students, practicing nurses, and healthcare organizations and academic institutions, meet their various and specific needs. She highly values education and the importance of academic preparation in being successful. Gina has been a nurse since 2004 and nursing professor since 2014. She received a DNP in executive leadership from Rush University (Chicago, IL), MSN in nursing administration from Aurora University (Aurora, IL), and BSN from the University of St. Francis (Joliet, IL). She is board certified in psychiatric and mental health nursing (PMH-BC) and a certified nurse educator (CNE). She holds RN license in IL and WI. Gina specializes in psychiatric nursing and has worked and taught in residential, inpatient, home health, and hospice settings. She served as a quality and performance improvement director of a home health agency and assisted in the development of a hospice organization. Her experience in academic settings is expansive and includes teaching psychiatric nursing rotations and numerous courses such as healthcare finance and business, ethics, policy, psychiatric nursing, psychiatric clinical rotations, capstone/practicum courses, nursing theory, and nursing research. She has taught at the ADN, RN to BSN, BSN, RN to MSN, MSN, and DNP levels (hybrid, online, and on ground), engaged in course development and revisions, and writing and updating standards for accreditation purposes. She is an experienced researcher and has ten publications with a focus on the schizophrenia population and therapeutic relationship development with staff, faculty caring, and home health related articles among other topics. Gina provides consulting services to home health companies to improve their metrics, assists with policy writing and development, as well as the accreditation process including on-site visits/surveys. In addition to speaking at numerous conferences and presenting posters at various events, she provides didactic teaching for and assists in the development of psychiatric nurse residency programs. She offers tutoring to pre-licensure nursing students in psychiatric nursing and test taking skills, resume construction, interview preparation among other services. Most recently, Gina has been writing two chapters (violence and addictions) for Dr. Linda Caputi's upcoming e-book *Nursing Concepts: A Practical Approach*. Last, Gina currently serves as the IL APNA Chapter Secretary, and has a passion to assist psychiatric nurses as they advance in the specialty.

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