Graduate education in Psychiatric Mental Health (PMH) nursing has witnessed a significant shift in the last decade. The number of graduates has increased and the programs offering Nurse Practitioner (NP) models of preparation have grown. During this decade the various types of PMH programs has also increased. The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) has 10 different categories for PMH graduate nursing programs: Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS), Child/Adolescent CNS, Adult PMH NP, Family PMH NP, NP dual tracks (2 types), Combined NP/CNS (4 types).

It is interesting to place these changes in the context of the trends in types of graduate programs. The graph below represents these shifts. Three data sources were used for this graph:
1999- custom list supplied by National League for Nurses.
2002, 2005, 2007- custom list of programs from AACN

Across the years, these data sources provide a good picture of trends in NP and CNS programs. The category of blended programs/combined programs is a bit difficult to number across the years, more than likely due to how individual schools identify and report data on these programs. Up until 2002, blended CNS/NP programs were reported as one number (across all specialties) in AACN Enrollments and Graduations. In 2002, in a custom report sent to the author, the number of PMH blended programs was listed at 43. The next year (2003) when blended programs were identified by specialty in AACN, Enrollments and Graduation, the number of PMH blended programs was reported as 15. Since then the number of blended programs represented in this graph is based on AACN custom reports of PMH programs, which as of 2007 lists 18 such programs.

At the current time, according to AACN data, 116 Colleges/Schools of Nursing offer a PMH graduate program. Twenty six colleges offer both NP and CNS programs, 45 schools only offer PMH-NP and 25 schools only offer the PMH-CNS. The number of schools offering child programs is growing (n=16) as is the number offering PMH-NP family (n=23).

Attached is a list of current Psychiatric Mental Health (PMH) graduate nursing programs. This list of 110 schools/colleges of nursing with PMH graduate programs is one kept over the years by the author, updated with data from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) custom data report on Graduate Programs in PMH nursing and from a list posted on American Psychiatric Nurses Association Web site. For this list, the web sites of each school were checked to determine the presence of a PMH graduate program. If the list as posted is in error, please contact ISPN, we will update the list bi-yearly.

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Graduate Programs in Psychiatric Nursing
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Alabama
University of Alabama at Birmingham, School of Nursing
University of South Alabama, College of Nursing

Alaska
University of Alaska, Anchorage School of Nursing

Arizona
Arizona State University, College of Nursing & Healthcare
University of Arizona, College of Nursing

Arkansas
UAMS, College of Nursing
University of Central Arkansas, College of Nursing

California
California State University, Long Beach, School of Nursing (post-masters only)
California State University, Los Angeles, School of Nursing
Point Loma Nazarene University, School of Nursing
University of California, San Francisco, School of Nursing

Colorado
Colorado State University – Pueblo, School of Nursing
University of Colorado at Denver, School of Nursing

Connecticut
Fairfield University, School of Nursing
St. Joseph College, Nursing Division
University of Connecticut, School of Nursing (post-masters only)
Yale University, School of Nursing

District of Columbia
The Catholic University of America, School of Nursing

Florida
Florida International University, School of Nursing (moratorium on admissions 2008)
University of Florida, College of Nursing
University of South Florida, College of Nursing

Georgia
Georgia State University, College of Nursing

Hawaii
University of Hawaii at Manoa, School of Nursing

Illinois
Rush University, College of Nursing
University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Nursing

Indiana
Indiana University, School of Nursing
Iowa
Allen College, School of Nursing
The University of Iowa, College of Nursing

Kansas
University of Kansas, School of Nursing
Wichita State University, College of Health Professions, Dept. of Nursing

Kentucky
Northern Kentucky University, College of Nursing
Eastern Kentucky University, College of Nursing
University of Kentucky, College of Nursing
University of Louisville, College of Nursing

Louisiana
Louisiana State University Medical Center, School of Nursing
McNeese State University, School of Nursing
Southeastern Louisiana University, College of Nursing
The University of Louisiana at Lafayette, College of Nursing

Maine
Husson College, School of Nursing
University of Southern Maine, College of Nursing

Maryland
University of Maryland, School of Nursing

Massachusetts
Boston College, School of Nursing
MGH Institute of Health Professions
Northeastern University, School of Nursing
Regis College, School of Nursing
University of Massachusetts Lowell, School of Nursing

Michigan
Grand Valley State University, College of Nursing
University of Michigan-Flint, College of Nursing
University of Michigan, School of Nursing
Wayne State University, College of Nursing

Minnesota
The College of St. Scholastica
University of Minnesota, School of Nursing

Mississippi
University of Mississippi Medical Center, School of Nursing
University of Southern Mississippi, School of Nursing

Missouri
University of Missouri-Columbia, School of Nursing
Saint Louis University, School of Nursing
Nebraska
Creighton University, School of Nursing
University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Nursing

New Jersey
Fairleigh Dickinson University, School of Nursing
Monmouth University, School of Nursing
Rutgers – The State University of New Jersey, School of Nursing
University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey, School of Nursing

New Mexico
New Mexico State University, College of Nursing

New York
Columbia University, School of Nursing
Hunter College, College of Nursing
New York University, School of Nursing
SUNY at Stony Brook, School of Nursing
Sage Colleges, School of Nursing
University at Buffalo, School of Nursing
University of Rochester, School Of Nursing

North Carolina
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, School of Nursing

North Dakota
University of North Dakota, College of Nursing

Ohio
Case Western Reserve University, School of Nursing
Kent State University, College of Nursing
Ohio State University, College of Nursing
University of Akron, College of Nursing
University of Toledo, College of Nursing
University of Cincinnati (post-masters only, PMH for primary care)

Oklahoma
University of Oklahoma, College of Nursing

Oregon
The Oregon Health and Science University

Pennsylvania
Drexel University, College of Nursing and Health Professions
Duquesne University, School of Nursing
Immaculata University, Department of Nursing
University of Pennsylvania, School of Nursing
University of Pittsburgh, School of Nursing
Widener University, School of Nursing
Wilkes University, Department of Nursing

Rhode Island
University of Rhode Island, College of Nursing
South Carolina
Medical University of South Carolina, College of Nursing (admissions suspended)

South Dakota
South Dakota State University, School of Nursing

Tennessee
East Tennessee State University, College of Nursing
University of Tennessee, College of Nursing
Vanderbilt University, School of Nursing

Texas
Midwestern State University
University of Texas Houston Health Sciences Center, College of Nursing
University of Texas at Arlington, School of Nursing
University of Texas Health Sciences Center-San Antonio, School of Nursing

Utah
University of Utah, College of Nursing

Vermont
University of Vermont, College of Nursing

Virginia
Hampton University, College of nursing
Shenandoah University, Division of Nursing
University of Virginia, College of Nursing
Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Nursing

Washington
Gonzaga University, School of Professional Studies
Seattle University, College of Nursing
University of Washington, School of Nursing
Washington State University, College of Nursing
Washington State University, Vancouver Campus, Intercollegiate College of Nursing

Wisconsin
University of Wisconsin-Madison, College of Nursing
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, College of Nursing

Wyoming
University of Wyoming, Fay W. Whitney, School of Nursing