

Meet the UTSW Psychiatry Nurse Practitioners

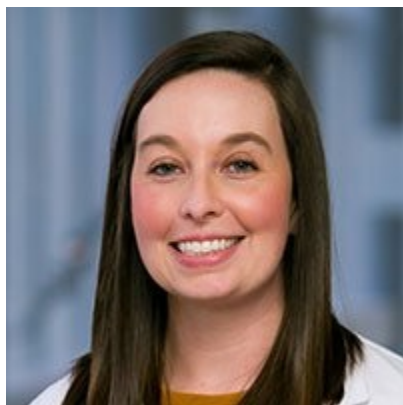


LanChasica "Lanie" Alexander, M.S.N., APRN, PMH-NP (bc)

LanChasica (Lanie) Alexander is board certified as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner through the American Nurses Credentialing Center. She has worked in the Center for Pediatric Eating Disorders at Children's Health for the past 6 years, initially as a staff RN before transitioning into the role of an advanced practice provider. She has special interests in adolescent eating disorders and perinatal mental health. She is currently pursuing through Eastern Kentucky University a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

Master of Science in Nursing - University of Texas at Arlington

Bachelor of Science in Nursing - University of Southern Mississippi



Alexandra Chapman, M.S.N., APRN, PMH-NP (bc)

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Alex Chapman is a provider at the outpatient psychiatric clinic at UT Southwestern. Prior to her employment at UT Southwestern, she worked as a nurse practitioner in a private psychiatric setting and treated a variety of mental health disorders in patients 12 and older. As a registered nurse, she worked in two inpatient psychiatric facilities in the metroplex, working with children, adults, and seniors. She is a founding member of the Psychiatric Advanced Practice Nurses of North Texas and is the organization's current president.

Master of Science in Nursing - University of Texas at Arlington



Vanessa Echeta, M.S.N., APRN, PMH-NP (bc)

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Vanessa Echeta is a Nurse Practitioner at the UTSW outpatient psychiatry clinic. Her focus in the clinic includes the sub-specialty of the eating disorder/body image population and general psychiatry. She works closely with her collaborating physician— Dr. Carrie McAdams MD, PhD. Vanessa has special interests in cultural psychiatry, psychopharmacology, eating disorders, self-love, and the young adult population. She has worked at UTSW since 2015, where she previously worked as a Neurology Registered Nurse prior to becoming a Board Certified Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner.

Bachelor of Science in Health Science with a minor Chemistry/Biology- University of North Texas

Bachelor of Science in Nursing - University of Texas- Arlington

Masters of Nursing Practice- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner - Walden University



Starla Harrison, M.S.N., APRN, PMH-NP (bc)

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Starla Harrison has been a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner for 21 years. She currently works as an adult general psychiatry provider at the outpatient psychiatric clinic at UT Southwestern Medical Center. Prior to her employment at UT Southwestern, she worked on Assertive Community Treatment teams in the community focusing on severe and chronic mental illnesses for Metrocare Services. Starla has been a PMHNP student preceptor for about 20 years. Starla feels quite honored and grateful to be part of this excellent, patient centered, forward-thinking psychiatric treatment team at UTSW, where every colleague is outstanding.

Master of Science in Nursing - University of Texas at Arlington

Bachelor of Science in Nursing - Dallas Baptist College

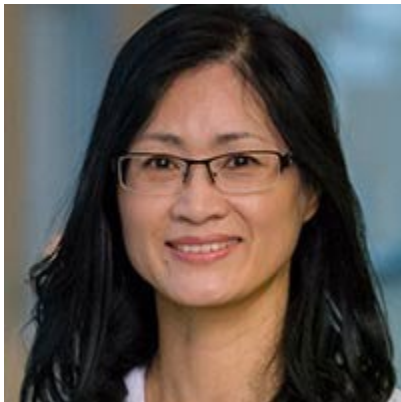


Jo Kutty Kurian, M.S.N., ARPN, PMH-NP (bc)

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Jo Kutty Kurian has worked with UTSW for the past 12 years, starting as an RN in the psychiatric unit and then transitioning to assistant manager at the same unit for 6 years. He currently works as a nurse practitioner in psychiatry, sharing time between the outpatient psychiatry clinic, serving general psychiatry and interventional psychiatry, and helping with pretreatment evaluation and care coordination in ECT and the inpatient psychiatry unit at Clements University Hospital.

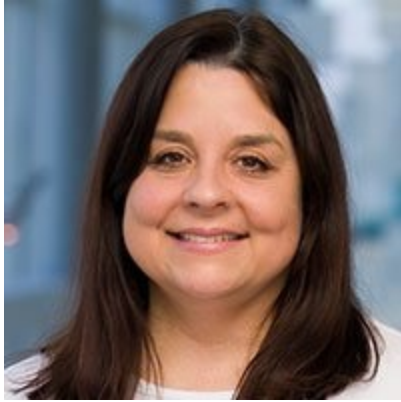
Master of Nursing, Psychiatric-Mental Health Practitioner - University of Texas at Arlington



Ji Yun Lee, M.S.N., APRN, PMH-NP (bc)

Ji Yun (Julia) Lee started her nursing career at Methodist Charlton Hospital, mainly in a cardiac step down ICU, ICU, ER, and telemetry unit. She worked for the Army Nurse Corps for 8 years and experienced a variety of leadership positions and skills as an officer. She highly values team-based health care and believes each discipline uniquely contributes to best practice. She has a passion for providing excellent behavioral health care for individuals across the life span.

Masters of Science in Nursing, Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner - University of Texas at Arlington



Annette Mancuso, M.S.N., APRN, PMH-NP (bc)

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Annette Mancuso worked as a licensed professional counselor prior to attending nursing school and completing her Master of Nursing, Psychiatric-Mental Health Practitioner degree at the University of Texas Arlington. After earning her undergraduate nursing degree at Texas Woman's University, Annette completed a nurse residency program at UT Southwestern Medical Center, gaining experience in direct bedside care working with patients following a variety of surgical procedures. She transferred to the inpatient psychiatry unit and began to focus her nursing in acute care psychiatric patients, specifically on the electroconvulsive therapy service.

Master of Counseling Psychology - Florida International University

Master of Nursing, Psychiatric-Mental Health Practitioner - University of Texas at Arlington



John Muturi, M.S.N., APRN, FNP-C, PMH-NP (bc)

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John Muturi earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in nursing specializing in Family Nurse Practice at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Before becoming a Nurse Practitioner, he served as a Registered Nurse for over seven years in various inpatient care settings. He is a member of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association.

Master of Science in Nursing - University of Alabama at Birmingham

Post-Master's certification in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner - University of Missouri-Kansas City



Diane Nguyen, M.S.N., APRN, PMH-NP (bc)

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Diane Nguyen's great passion is bringing healing to people who have been going through difficulty coping with life. She provides holistic, individualized care to help patients move toward improved quality of life. Her educational background includes a dual Masters in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and Family Nurse Practitioner at the University of Texas in Arlington (UTA). She has had the opportunity to work at nursing homes and Parkland Hospital correctional services/psychiatric Infirmary and is currently at the UTSW psychiatric outpatient clinic. Prior to the pandemic, she was a clinical associate professor for the UTA graduate program, and she continues to be a mentor/preceptor to aspiring nurse practitioner students.

Master's in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and Master's in Family Nurse Practitioner - University of Texas, Arlington



Fawn Palmer, M.S.N., APRN, PMH-NP (bc)

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Fawn Palmer has over 10 years' experience in various psychiatric settings including inpatient, outpatient, and consultation-liaison psychiatry. She has special interest in caring for patients diagnosed with schizophrenia, adolescents transitioning to adulthood with mental health concerns, and patients diagnosed with cancer in need of mental health care. She was inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society in 2018 and is a member of the American Nurses Association and American Psychiatric Nurses Association.

Master of Science in Nursing - Delaware State University

Post Master's Certification in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner - University of Delaware



Carrie Ratliff, M.S.N., APRN, PMH-NP (bc)

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Carrie is a board-certified psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner with the geriatric psychiatry / neuropsychiatry outpatient team. Her clinical interests include mental health care of older adults, medically complex adults, and neuropsychiatric manifestations of neurological conditions. Prior to employment at UT Southwestern, Carrie worked as a nurse practitioner on inpatient geriatric psychiatry units and on a consultation-liaison service. She also has previous experience as a licensed professional counselor in inpatient psychiatric settings working with patients across the lifespan.

Bachelor of Science - University of Virginia's College at Wise

Master of Nursing - Vanderbilt University; Master of Science - University of Tennessee



Eric Shellhorn, M.S.N., APRN, PMH-NP (bc)

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Eric Shellhorn is a board-certified Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner with extensive experience treating a variety of mood disorders (e.g., depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder) and thought disorders (e.g., schizophrenia and schizoaffective disorder). He works with all populations and has an interest in working with college students, patients who have terminal illness, and patients who have comorbid medical illnesses. He has worked at UT Southwestern since 1998, serving as a registered nurse in ambulatory services before becoming a nurse practitioner. He is an East Dallas native and graduated from both undergraduate and graduate programs at University of Texas at Arlington, where he now serves as a nursing student preceptor.

Master of Science in Nursing - University of Texas at Arlington



Brandi Yund, M.S.N., APRN, PMH-NP (bc)

Brandi is driven to build a strong therapeutic and holistic relationship with patients and their families and to advocate for best patient outcomes. She is skilled in medication management, diagnosis and treatment across the lifespan, therapy, and communicating effectively with the collaborating physician and team.

Master of Science in Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner – Eastern Kentucky University