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Major Robert Arnold is the Director of the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program. In addition to the creation of curriculum that established this Master of Science program, Major Arnold also oversees the planning, development and implementation of course objectives designed to prepare students for the challenges of caring for America's fighting forces.

Major Arnold commissioned into the Army in 1995 after receiving his Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Texas at El Paso. He went on to receive a Master of Science in Management from Troy University in Alabama and a Master of Science in Nursing from Kent State University.

Major Arnold began his nursing career at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in 1995 where he honed his skills as a Medical/Surgical Staff Nurse. He completed the Army's psychiatric nursing specialty 66-C course in 1997 and then served as an Inpatient Psychiatric Staff Nurse at Eisenhower Army Medical Center at Fort Gordon, Ga., from 1997-2002. After completing back to back master's degrees, Major Arnold expanded his leadership role at Womack Army Medical Center (WAMC) at Fort Bragg, N.C. Here, Major Arnold served as a Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist for two years before deploying to Mosul, Iraq in 2006. During this year-long tour, Major Arnold was the officer in-charge of the 212th Combat Stress Control fitness team providing mental health

care support to approximately 10,000 Soldiers. He returned to WAMC before joining the USU community.

Major Arnold has received many awards throughout his illustrious military career, including: two Meritorious Service Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, three Army Achievement Medals and a Meritorious Unit Commendation.

Furthermore, Major Arnold is a member of several professional health care organizations including Sigma Theta Tau International and the American Psychiatric Nurses Association.