



LOMA LINDA
UNIVERSITY

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

School of Nursing



DEGREES OFFERED

- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) **65 units**

The LLUSN Graduate program DNP degree is a 65quarter unit (equivalent to 43 semester units) program designed for full time working professionals. It encompasses 2 years of core coursework and 1 year of DNP project implementation. The program is unique with its' inclusion of 3 courses related to the DNP role in Christian leadership, ethics and the development of philosophical strategies in the provision of appropriate care for vulnerable populations.

The program is a *masters-entry?* level program for RN's, allowing them to earn a practice doctorate that will prepare them to assume either an advanced practice (patient care) or leadership (healthcare systems) role. To apply for the advanced practice track a nurse must show evidence of APRN education/certification (NP, CNS, CRNA, CNM). To apply for the leadership track, a RN must have a master's degree, leadership education/experience and must have or obtain management certification.

The program is a hybrid program. This educational model allows for the convenience of online learning, along with face-to-face interaction with faculty and other DNP students. The face-to-face focuses on scholarly discussion of assigned reading and online work, student-led exercises, and clarification of course assignments by faculty. Assigned projects and papers are submitted online.

The DNP program is competitive, and students are encouraged to submit their applications early in the application period, in order to complete admission requirements in a timely manner.

CORE CLASSES

NRSG 601	DNP Professional Development	4u
NRSG 602	Evidence-based Models of Advanced Practice and Healthcare Outcomes	3u
NRSG 603	Evaluation of Information Systems	3u
NRSG 605	Vulnerable Populations	3u
NRSG 607	Complex Issues in Nursing Practice	3u
NRSG 608	Translational Research for Advanced Nursing Practice	3u
NRSG 609	Policy Development and Advocacy	3u
NRSG 611	Assessment, Planning, and Outcomes for Clinical Practice	3u
NRSG 612	Health Care Systems Leadership	3u
NRSG 613	Evaluation of Cultural Competence in Nursing Practice	3u
NRSG 618	Writing for Publication	3u*
NRSG 625	The Practice Mentor	3u
RELR 525	Health Care and the Dynamics of Christian Leadership	3u
RELT 557	Theology of Human Suffering	3u
RELE 564	Ethics, Leadership, and Advanced Nursing	3u

CAPSTONE ACTIVITY

NRSG 627	DNP Project Development Seminar	7u
NRSG 634A	DNP Project	3u
NRSG 634B	DNP Project	3u
NRSG 634C	DNP Project	3u
NRSG 634D	DNP Project	3u

TOTAL 65

**Course is taught over multiple quarters*

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

Located across the street from the School of Nursing, the Medical Center is an approximately 900 bed tertiary-care teaching hospital, including the Children's Hospital, the Loma Linda University Medical Center East Campus, and the Behavioral Medical Center. As a level one regional trauma and health care center, Loma Linda University Medical Center operates some of the largest clinical programs in the United States. The Medical Center is the site for many of the clinical experiences, internships, and educational opportunities available to students at Loma Linda University.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Master's degree (MS) in nursing from an accredited school
- GPA of 3.2 or higher for all graduate coursework
- License to practice nursing in state of residence
- Bachelor's degree in Nursing
- Nurse practitioner license or certification in advanced practice role (i.e. NP, CNS, CRNA, CNMW) for clinical track **or** Management certification for leadership track
- Letters of recommendation (3)
- Official transcripts for all college credits
- Interview by faculty members in the School of Nursing
- Curriculum vitae or resume
- Letter of support from employing institution, upon acceptance
- Scholarly writing sample (submitted at time of interview)

Applicants must demonstrate potential for advanced practice or leadership as evidenced by work records and supervisors' recommendations in order to be considered for acceptance. Applicants must have access to appropriate local resources (i.e. mentors, facilities, programs, employer support) since assignments will require clinical hours in a variety of leadership, management, community, healthcare, and service settings.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International applicants (non-U.S. citizens and non-U.S. permanent residents) must meet all admission requirements for the chosen program. In addition, official international transcripts must be evaluated by an accredited evaluation service. A TOEFL score may also be required. Please visit www.llu.edu/apply/intltrans for more information.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

To apply to Loma Linda University's School of Nursing, students must first meet all the admission requirements. The application can be found online at www.llu.edu/apply.

ADMISSION DEADLINES

The School of Nursing accepts DNP students in the Fall, Winter, and Spring Quarters. All admission requirements must be completed by the deadline. Deadlines are as follows:

- **Fall – April 1** (*quarter begins in September*)
- **Winter – August 1** (*quarter begins in January*)
- **Spring – November 1** (*quarter begins in March*)

Please contact our Admissions Office with any questions at (909) 558-4923 or by email at graduatenursing@llu.edu.

TRANSCRIPTS

You must submit transcripts from all post-secondary institutions that you have attended, regardless of whether or not it applies to your prerequisite coursework. This includes all colleges, universities, military credit, Advanced Placement, CLEP, and unaccredited schools. Transcripts must be sent by the issuing institution(s) directly to LLU Admissions Processing. Transcripts provided in any other manner are unofficial and will not be accepted for admission.

Please have official transcripts sent to:

Admissions Processing
Loma Linda University
11139 Anderson St.
Loma Linda, CA 92350 USA

2014-2015 TUITION AND FEES*

Tuition (per quarter unit):	\$870
Clinical course fee (per course):	\$315
Books & Supplies (estimated):	\$400

Total varies according to quarterly class load

2015-2016 amounts subject to change

Doctoral students do not pay the quarterly fee and must provide their own health insurance.

FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid is available for eligible students. You should begin your financial aid process early, even before formal acceptance into the Nursing program. For more information on financial aid, visit www.llu.edu/ssweb/finaid.

HOUSING

Housing is available on campus in a limited capacity.

>>Lindsay Hall – for women

(909) 558-4561

>>Daniells Residence Complex– for men and women

(909) 558-4562

The Office of Student Affairs maintains information on local housing. Current availabilities and Loma Linda University's housing policy can be found at www.llu.edu/llu/housing.

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LLU at a Glance

>> Founded in 1905 >> A Seventh-day Adventist institution integrating health, science, and Christian faith >> Offers over 200 programs in the health sciences >> Houses eight schools: Allied Health Professions, Behavioral Health, Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health and Religion >> About 4,500 students >> Over 1,300 faculty >> 2,000 professional researchers >> \$46 million dollars in private and public grants generated each year >> Many service learning opportunities

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