



PROGRAMS OFFERED

■ BS to Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

(MS to DNP available for students who already have an MS in Nursing)

Located in the heart of the Inland Empire, the Loma Linda University School of Nursing offers students a quality Christian education embracing the importance of whole person care for mind, body, and spirit. With students from more than 80 countries and 65 religions, we have a richly diverse student body that adds to the excitement of learning and exchange of ideas. Our commitment to the development of expert nurse clinicians, educators, administrators, and researchers prepares graduates to leave with a solid foundation, inspired to serve and transform the world one person at a time.

All programs are fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). The DNP program is also accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The CRNA program is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA).

DOCTORATE (BS to DNP)

"The DNP focuses on providing leadership for evidence-based practice. This requires competence in translating research in practice, evaluating evidence, applying research in decision-making, and implementing viable clinical innovations to change practice. Considerable emphasis is placed on a population perspective, how to obtain assessment data on populations or cohorts, how to use data to make programmatic decisions, and program evaluation. The DNP graduates will likely seek practice leadership roles in a variety of settings—management of quality initiatives, executives in healthcare organizations, directors of clinical programs, and faculty positions responsible for clinical program delivery and clinical teaching would be appropriate." (AACN)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Full-time & part-time option available
- Hybrid Core Courses - between 2-10 days on campus per quarter
- Flexible schedule
- Clinical site options available to all students
- Low student to faculty ratio

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BS) to Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program allows nurses to assume advanced practice (patient care) and leadership (healthcare systems) roles. The BS to DNP is addressing the new national standard allowing students to combine the Master and Doctorate degrees resulting in a compact program (students can finish in as few as 3 years). Part-time study is available for specific concentrations, and courses are offered to accommodate working nurses.

For students who already have an MS in Nursing, we also offer an MS to DNP program. Students interested in changing concentrations need to apply to the BS to DNP program, and may be able to waive units pending evaluation of program coordinator.

The program is divided into 3 parts:

- 1 - **Core Courses:** 2-5 days each quarter on-campus along with online interaction; mentored-inquiry courses.
- 2 - **Clinical Experience:** students are required to complete on average 1,000 clinical hours at a facility assigned by LLU School of Nursing in combination with theory classes taught hybrid.
- 3 - **DNP Project:** The DNP Project can be done in the workplace allowing students to translate evidence based research into practice.

BS to DNP OPTIONS:

Nurse Practitioner (NP): The NP concentration offers both primary and acute health options to train health care providers in community, acute, and ambulatory settings. It is designed to prepare the NP to exercise independent judgment in assessment, supervision, and management. Nurse Practitioner is available in the following specialties:

- Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner (Primary Care)
- Family Nurse Practitioner (Primary Care)
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (Primary Care)
- Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner (Primary Care)
- Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
- Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner (Acute Care)
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (Acute Care)
- Leadership

(The admission requirements and deadlines for Acute Care tracks will differ from the other NP concentrations. A separate information sheet is available on our website)

Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS): The CNS concentration prepares advanced practice nurses who are expert clinicians specialized in a selected area of nursing. The CNS is an expert in evidence-based practice, integrating knowledge of disease and medical treatments into the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of patient illnesses. The CNS provides leadership in a clinical setting with the goal of providing quality care in a cost effective manner to individual patients or groups of patients in a selected setting or population. Through autonomous practice, the CNS works within the organizational system to achieve needed outcomes for both clients and nursing practice. CNS is available in the following specialties:

- Clinical Nurse Specialist - Adult/Gerontology
- Clinical Nurse Specialist - Pediatrics **Program is currently on hold*

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA):

The CRNA concentration area prepares the nurse for the role of nurse anesthetist. CRNA is an advanced practice registered nurse trained in the theories and techniques involved in delivering anesthesia. CRNA's participate in all aspects of patient care throughout the peri-operative continuum and practice in all fifty states, providing approximately 32 million anesthetics annually. *(The admission requirements and deadlines for this program will differ from the other BS to DNP concentrations. A separate information sheet is available for CRNA on our website)*

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Baccalaureate degree in nursing (or equivalent) from a regionally accredited program
- GPA of 3.0, both cumulative and in nursing courses
- Hold a current U.S. RN license (California RN license is required before the start of clinical courses)
- One year of RN experience in the area of desired clinical concentration is strongly advised for application competitiveness.
- Application with personal statement
- Three electronic recommendations (recommenders will receive an e-mail once application is submitted) – preferred: professor and/or current work supervisor and spiritual advisor/mentor
- Official transcripts from all colleges attended

APPLICATION INFORMATION

To apply to Loma Linda University's School of Nursing, students must first meet all the admission requirements. There is a \$70 non-refundable application fee. The application can be found online at www.llu.edu/apply.

ADMISSION DEADLINES

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

- **AUTUMN – April 1** (quarter begins in September)
- **WINTER – August 1** (quarter begins in January)

Please contact our Admissions Office with any questions by phone at (909) 558-4923 or by e-mail at graduatenuersing@llu.edu.

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. The application process must be initiated in a timely manner in order to comply with national immigration policies. A TOEFL score may also be required. Please visit www.llu.edu/apply/intltrans for more information.

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 <https://llu.edu/campus-spiritual-life/student-services/financial-life/financial-aid>

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 in their office on local housing. For more information, please visit <https://llu.edu/campus-spiritual-life/housing-dining>

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LOMA LINDA
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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 4,000 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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