

MS to DNP



DEGREES OFFERED

■ Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

68 units

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).

LOMALINDA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER (LLUMC)

LLUMC is located across the street from the School of Nursing. The Medical Center is a tertiary-care teaching hospital with over 1,000 beds across multiple entities: LLUMC, Children's Hospital, East Campus, Behavioral Medicine Center, Surgical Hospital and LLUMC - Murrieta. As a level one regional trauma and health care center, LLUMC operates some of the largest clinical programs in the United States.

LLUMC is the site for many of the clinical experiences, internships, and educational opportunities available to students at Loma Linda University.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- 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 LLUSN MS to DNP program is a 68 quarter unit (equivalent to 46 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 in its integration of Christian leadership and ethics.

The program is for RNs who already have an MS degree in Nursing. To apply for the clinical track, a nurse must show evidence of APRN education/certification (NP, CNS, CRNA, CNMW). 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. Classes meet face-to-face for 4 consecutive days each quarter to allow for the development of teamwork. These face-to-face classes prepare students for papers and projects that will later be submitted online.

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

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Master's degree in nursing from a regionally accredited program
- GPA of 3.2 or higher for all graduate coursework
- License to practice nursing in state of residence
- Baccalaureate degree in nursing (or equivalent) from an accredited program
- Advanced practice certification (i.e. NP, CNS, CRNA, CNMW) for clinical track **or** Management certification for leadership track is highly recommended
- Three electronic recommendations (recommenders will receive an e-mail once application is submitted) – preferred: professor and/or current work supervisor, spiritual leader/mentor
- Official transcripts from all colleges attended
- Select applicants will be invited to interview
- 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.

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 graduatenuising@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 Street
Loma Linda, CA 92350 USA

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
UNIVERSITY

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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