

MS to PhD in NURSING



DEGREE OFFERED

- MS to PhD 75 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).

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The MS to PhD degree in nursing is designed to prepare nurse scholars, leaders, and faculty who are ready to engage in knowledge development and research relevant to nursing science and practice.

The MS to PhD is offered as a full-time or part-time program on the LLU campus utilizing distance learning strategies. Courses are taken during the academic year, using a "hybrid" or "blended" teaching model. Students work their courses on-line and are required to come to campus for a one-week intensive face-to-face session each quarter. Seminar week schedules are developed well in advance so students can plan accordingly. Students interested in developing knowledge in the areas of Vulnerable Populations/Health Disparities, Health/Wellness/Wholeness, and Health Systems will find strong faculty mentors for their dissertation interest. Core courses, Concentration/Electives to support the student's dissertation interest, research methods and cognates are available on the LLU campus. Specialty courses may be taken, through the *NEXus partnership (not subject to transfer unit limitations), or at another university (a limited number of units may be transferred if the school is not part of NEXus).

This schedule is designed to accommodate the needs of adult learners. The program may be completed in 3 years full-time or 5 years part-time.

*NEXus (Nursing Education Xchange) is a partnership among select Western Institute of Nursing institutions to facilitate enrollment in doctoral courses not available on your home campus. Through NEXus, the institutions have identified courses that are available at a distance and open for enrollments from partner institutions.

<http://winnexus.org>

PHD ROLE COURSES

NGRD 679	Writing for Publication	4u
NGRD 681	Philosophical Foun. of Nursing Science	4u
NGRD 680	Advanced Theory Development	4u
NGRD 688	Nursing Science Seminar	2u

CONCENTRATION/ELECTIVES

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(Focus Courses- foundational to dissertation)		

COGNATES

REL	Graduate-level - Relational	3u
REL	Graduate-level - Theological	3u
REL	Graduate-level - Ethical	3u

RESEARCH AND STATISTICS

NGRD 664	Advanced Statistics	4u
NGRD 685	Qualitative Research Methods	4u
NGRD 684	Quantitative Research Methods	4u
NGRD 683	Mentored Research (2+2)	4u
	Advanced Methods Course	4u
	(depends on student's research design)	
NGRD 697	Research**	20u

TOTAL 75 quarter units*

*Courses may be transferred to LLU

**Distributed throughout dissertation during years 4&5

You will need to take a minimum of 20 units of concentration or elective courses. Concentration courses are directly related to your dissertation. Elective courses are courses that relate either to your dissertation or your role.

*The following courses are co-requisites. These courses must be taken during your MS degree within the last 5 years or can be taken in addition to the program above.

NGRD 651	Theoretical Foundations for Evidence Based Practice	3u
NGRD 657	Intermediate Statistics	3u
NGRD 658	Translation Research for Advanced Practice	3u

All courses are subject to change

LOMA LINDA 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.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Master's degree required from a regionally accredited program
- Preference will be given to applicants with a Master's degree in nursing (if MS is not in nursing, BS must be in nursing)
- GPA of 3.3 or higher for all graduate coursework
- License to practice nursing in state of residence
- Application with personal statement
- Three electronic recommendations
(recommenders will receive an e-mail once application is submitted)
- Official transcripts from all colleges attended
- Select applicants will be invited to interview
- Evidence of scholarly work (submitted at time of interview)

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/central/apply/intltrans page for more information.

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.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

The School of Nursing accepts PhD students on a rolling basis. Please contact our Admissions Office with any questions by phone at (909) 558-4923 or by e-mail at graduatenursing@llu.edu.

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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