



LOMA LINDA
UNIVERSITY

School of Nursing

CRNA



DEGREES OFFERED

- Doctor of Nursing Practice

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.

All programs are fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). The Nurse Anesthesia concentration is also accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA).

PROGRAM INFORMATION

A Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) is an advanced practice registered nurse trained in the theories and techniques involved in delivering anesthesia. CRNAs 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 Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program of the Loma Linda University School of Nursing, Nurse Anesthesia Concentration offers a didactically front-loaded, 39-month, full-time graduate curriculum designed to educate critical care registered nurses in the nurse anesthetist role across the lifespan. The program's curriculum follows the American Academy of Colleges of Nursing's Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice and the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs' (COA) Practice Doctorate Standards for Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Programs.

The program is fully accredited by the COA as a Distance Education Program and has been designed to take advantage of available distance education technologies to enhance curriculum effectiveness and flexibility. Courses are delivered via both traditional classroom and hybrid distance education formats. As a result, the first six months of the program is entirely hybrid in design, requiring minimal student on-campus attendance.

The remainder of the program follows a more traditional format, utilizing distance education technologies to enhance course effectiveness.

MISSION

The education of nurse anesthetist dedicated to professional excellence and compassion in clinical practice, education and research and the furthering of the healing and teaching ministry of Jesus Christ through commitment to whole person care and Christian values.

VISION

Transforming lives through nurse anesthesia education, evidence-based inquiry, and professional practice.

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

Loma Linda University Medical Center (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. Clinical affiliations have been established with healthcare institutions in Central, Northern, and Southern California and in Ohio.

ADMISSION DEADLINE

The School of Nursing accepts students for Nurse Anesthesia Concentration once a year.

Application is open June 1 – August 1

Official Documents are due on September 1

Students are encouraged to submit their application and supporting documents early.

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Application with personal statement
- Official transcripts from all colleges attended
- Online questionnaire (this will be generated to your checklist once the application is submitted)
- Baccalaureate degree in nursing or entry level Master's degree from a regionally accredited program
- Cumulative GPA – 3.0 or higher
- Science GPA – 3.0 or higher
- Unrestricted Registered Nurse (RN) license in the United States, an unrestricted California state RN license prior to matriculating into the program that must be maintained through program completion
- Minimum 1 year, full-time critical care* RN experience (in the U.S.) at time of matriculation (excluding orientation)
- Certifications: BLS, ACLS, and PALS are required before clinical courses begin
- Three electronic recommendations (recommenders will receive an e-mail once application is submitted):
 - Spiritual advisor or pastor
 - Immediate Supervisor in the critical care area in which you are currently working
 - Critical care/ICU co-worker
- Select applicants will be invited to interview
- Highly recommended:
 - Clinical observation with a CRNA – 8 hours
 - CCRN Certification

*Critical care experience must be obtained in a critical care area within the United States. During this experience, the registered professional nurse must have developed critical decision making and psychomotor skills, competency in patient assessment, and the ability to use and interpret advanced monitoring techniques. A critical care area is defined as one where, on a routine basis, the registered professional nurse manages one or more of the following: invasive hemodynamic monitors (such as pulmonary artery catheter, CVP, arterial); cardiac assist devices; mechanical ventilation; and vasoactive infusions. Examples of critical care units may include but are not limited to: Surgical Intensive Care, Cardiothoracic Intensive care, Coronary Intensive Care, Medical Intensive Care, Pediatric Intensive Care, and Neonatal Intensive Care. Those who have experiences in other areas may be considered provided they can demonstrate competence with managing unstable patients, invasive monitoring, ventilators, and critical care pharmacology. (As defined by the COA)

APPLICATION INFORMATION

To apply to Loma Linda University's School of Nursing, you must first meet all of the admission requirements. There is a \$120 non-refundable application fee. The application can be found online at www.llu.edu/apply.

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.

Please have official transcripts sent to:

Admissions Processing
Loma Linda University
11139 Anderson Street
Loma Linda, CA 92350 USA

FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid is available for eligible students. You should begin applying for financial aid as soon as you receive acceptance into the Nurse Anesthesia concentration and confirm that you will attend LLUSN. For more information on financial aid, visit <https://llu.edu/campus-spiritual-life/student-services/financial-life/financial-aid>

HOUSING

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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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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