



## PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

- **Length:** 39-month, full-time Doctor of Nursing Practice program
- **Format:** Didactically front-loaded curriculum tailored for critical care RNs. Hybrid approach for the first six months, requiring minimal on-campus attendance and blending on-line with classroom learning. Transition to a more traditional structure while continuing to leverage distance education technologies
- **Focus:** Aligned with AACN's Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice and meets COA Practice Doctorate Standards for nurse anesthesia programs

## WHY PURSUE CRNA AT LLU?

- **Mission-Focused Education:** LLU integrates faith, service, and whole-person care—mind, body, and spirit—into every aspect of the curriculum.
- **Accredited & Respected Program:** The CRNA program is fully accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA) and WASC, meeting high standards for academic quality and clinical rigor.
- **Hybrid Learning Format:** Enjoy the benefits of both on-line and in-person instruction, including a front-loaded didactic schedule followed by comprehensive clinical experiences.
- **Rich Clinical Opportunities:** LLU partners with multiple clinical sites, giving students exposure to diverse patient populations and complex anesthetic cases through a mixed practice model.
- **Expert Faculty & Mentors:** Students learn from experienced CRNAs, nurse anesthesia educators, and interdisciplinary faculty dedicated to professional excellence.
- **Compassionate Care Emphasis:** LLU's longstanding commitment to service ensures graduates are not only clinically proficient but also deeply compassionate and patient-centered in practice.
- **Innovative Technology:** Experience with cutting-edge virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) tools, designed to strengthen your clinical skills.
- **Mission Opportunities:** Participate in transformative and impactful anesthesia-related mission trips as early as your second year.

## 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 HEALTH & ITS MEDICAL CENTER (LLUMC)

Conveniently located across the street from the School of Nursing, LLUMC is a premier tertiary-care teaching hospital with over 1,000 beds spanning multiple entities, including:

- Loma Linda University Medical Center
- Children's Hospital
- East Campus
- Behavioral Medicine Center
- Surgical Hospital
- LLUMC-Murrieta (30 minutes away)

As a Level I regional trauma and health care center, LLUMC operates some of the largest clinical programs in the United States. This proximity and excellence in care provide our students with a wealth of clinical experiences, internships, and educational opportunities—ensuring they graduate ready to make a meaningful impact in the nursing profession. Clinical affiliations have also 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 May 1 – July 1**

**Official Documents are due on August 1**

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

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Application and personal statement
- Official transcripts from all colleges attended
- Online questionnaire (this will be generated to your checklist once the application is submitted)
- Baccalaureate or Master's degree in nursing 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 application (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):
  - Current ICU Director or person responsible for yearly evaluation
  - Current ICU Charge Nurse
  - Spiritual advisor / Clergy
- 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 CRNA program, students must apply through the Nursing CAS portal. There is a \$120 non-refundable NursingCAS application fee and \$350 secondary application fee. [Start your application today!](#)

## 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. *Official transcripts must be sent by the issuing institution(s) directly to NursingCAS for verification.* Transcripts provided in any other manner are considered unofficial.

## FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid is available for eligible students. *Begin early!* 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. [Financial Aid info.](#)

## HOUSING & DINING

Housing is available on campus in a limited capacity in different residence halls. The Office of Student Affairs maintains information in their office on local housing. [Housing and Dining information.](#)

## MAKING YOUR NURSING LIFE EASIER—NEXT STEPS!

Click the links below for more information on next steps or if you need more info!

- [Program Info](#)
- [CRNA FAQs](#)
- [Tuition & Costs](#)



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>> Founded in 1905 >> A Seventh-day Adventist institution integrating health, science, and Christian faith >> Offers over 20 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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