

# 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 in nursing prepares scholars, leaders, and faculty for research and knowledge development in nursing science and practice. **Offered full-time or part-time** on the LLU campus, the program uses distance learning strategies, with courses during the academic year delivered in a hybrid format. Students complete online coursework and attend one-week, on-campus intensive sessions each quarter, scheduled well in advance for planning. Areas of focus include Vulnerable Populations/Health Disparities, Health/Wellness/Wholeness, and Health Systems, with faculty mentors available for dissertation support. Core, elective, and research courses are offered at LLU, while specialty courses may be taken through the \*NEXus partnership or other universities (subject to transfer unit limits). The program accommodates adult learners and can be completed in 4 years full-time or 7 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.*

Visit <https://winnexus.org> for more information

## PHD ROLE COURSES

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

## CONCENTRATION/ELECTIVES

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## RELIGION COURSES

RELR	540	Wholeness & Health	3u
RELT	---	Graduate-level - Theological	3u
RELE	---	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	2u

## Advanced Methods Course

(depends on student's research design)

NGRD	697	Research**	20u
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## 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 three courses are co-requisites. An intermediate statistics course must be taken during your MS degree within the last 5 years. Co-requisites 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 nursing degree 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 (NursingCAS & secondary)
- Three electronic recommendations (recommenders will receive an e-mail once application is submitted)
- Official transcripts from all colleges attended
- Evidence of scholarly work (submitted at time of interview)
- Select applicants will be invited to 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 <https://llu.edu/admissions-aid/how-apply/international-students> for more information.

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

To apply to Loma Linda University's School of Nursing, students must apply through the NursingCAS portal. [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* even before formal acceptance into the Nursing Program. [Financial Aid information.](#)

## 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](#)
- [Tuition & Costs](#)



LOMA LINDA  
UNIVERSITY

## LLU at a Glance

>> 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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