

BS to DNP



PROGRAMS OFFERED

- BS to Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
(MS to DNP available for students who already have an MS in Nursing)

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)[®]. The CRNA program is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA).

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (BS TO DNP)

"The DNP focuses on providing leadership for evidence-based practice. This requires competence in translating research in practice, evaluating evidence, applying research in decision-making, and implementing viable clinical innovations to change practice. Considerable emphasis is placed on a population perspective, how to obtain assessment data on populations or cohorts, how to use data to make programmatic decisions, and program evaluation. The DNP graduates will likely seek practice leadership roles in a variety of settings—management of quality initiatives, executives in healthcare organizations, directors of clinical programs, and faculty positions responsible for clinical program delivery and clinical teaching would be appropriate." (AACN)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Full-time & part-time options available
- Hyflex Core Courses—up to 2 days on campus per quarter
- Flexible schedule
- Clinical site options available to all students
- Low student to faculty ratio

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BS) to Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program allows nurses to assume advanced practice (patient care) and leadership (healthcare systems) roles. The BS to DNP is addressing the new national standard allowing students to combine the Master and Doctorate degrees resulting in a compact program (students can finish in as few as 3 years). Part-time study is available for specific concentrations, and courses are offered to accommodate working nurses.

For students who already have an MS in Nursing, we also offer an MS to DNP program. Students interested in changing concentrations need to apply to the BS to DNP program, and may be able to waive units pending evaluation of program coordinator.

The program is divided into 3 parts:

1. **Core Courses:** The Hyflex core courses are primarily on-line with 1 to 2 course meetings on campus in week 5 of each quarter.
2. **Clinical Experience:** students are required to complete on average 1,000 clinical hours at a facility assigned by LLU School of Nursing in combination with theory classes taught hybrid.
3. **DNP Project:** The DNP Project can be done in the workplace allowing students to translate evidence based research into practice.

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.

BS TO DNP OPTIONS:

- **Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner***: Designed to meet the specialized physiologic and psychological need of children with complex acute and chronic health conditions.
- **Acute Care Adults/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner***: Designed to meet the specialized physiologic and psychological need of adults with complex acute and chronic health conditions.
- **Primary Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner**: Prepares professionals for advanced training in quality nursing care for children, adolescents and infants.
- **Neonatal Nurse Practitioner**: Trained to provide and manage comprehensive health care to critically ill and convalescing neonates, and their families, while collaborating with maternal child healthcare disciplines.
- **Family Nurse Practitioner**: Prepares nursing students to provide quality primary health care services to individuals from infancy through adulthood.
- **Primary Care Adults/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner**: Prepares you to exercise independent judgment in assessment, supervision, and management of the primary health care needs of adults.
- **Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner**: Prepares registered nurses for a rewarding career of touching patient's lives by supporting their journey to improved mental well-being.
- **Clinical Nurse Specialist: Adults/Gerontology**: Become an expert in evidence-based practice, integrating knowledge of disease and medical treatments into the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of patients' illnesses to improve patient outcomes.
- **Nurse Leadership**: Prepares students for important roles ensuring quality performance in high-level patient care, as well as support nurses' practice, student education, and a culture of research.
- **Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA)***: Provides anesthetics to patients in every practice setting, and for every type of surgery or procedure.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Baccalaureate degree in nursing (or equivalent) from a regionally accredited program
- GPA of 3.0, both cumulative and in nursing courses
- Hold a current U.S. RN license (California RN license is required before the start of classes)
- One year of RN experience in the area of desired clinical concentration is strongly advised for application competitiveness.
- Application (NursingCAS & secondary)
- 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

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 & Dining website.](#)

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](#)

* *The admission requirements and deadlines for the Acute Care and CRNA programs will differ from the other BS to DNP concentrations. Separate information sheets are available for each program on our website.*

§ *The baccalaureate degree programs in nursing, the master's degree programs in nursing, and the Doctor of Nursing Practice programs at Loma Linda University School of Nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.ccneaccreditation.org>).*



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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