

ENTRY LEVEL MASTERS (ELM)



PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

- **Who It's For:** Individuals with a bachelor's degree (or higher) in a non-nursing field who want to become Registered Nurses (RNs) and earn a master's degree of science in nursing with a focus in Population Health.
- **Length & Format:** 2 years
- **Pre-licensure Phase:** Gain eligibility to sit for the NCLEX-RN exam.
- **Master's Phase:** Develop leadership and advanced skills to excel in diverse nursing roles.
- **Curriculum Emphasis:** Whole-person care, critical thinking, evidence-based practice, and leadership.
- **Accreditation:** Program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)* and Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC).
- **Clinicals:** Rotations and hours included in curriculum and completed at Loma Linda University Murrieta Medical Center.

WHY PURSUE AN ELM AT LLU?

- **Mission-Focused:** Christian, service-oriented environment emphasizing mind, body, and spirit.
- **Diverse Community:** Students from over 80 countries and various professional backgrounds.
- **Expert Faculty:** Mentors and educators who prioritize student success and clinical excellence.
- **Clinical Partnerships:** Access to Loma Linda University Medical Center and other high-caliber healthcare facilities.
- **Comprehensive Support:** Resources for spiritual care, wellness, and academic advising.

CAREER OUTCOMES

Graduates are prepared for a variety of roles, such as:

- **Registered Nurse (RN)** in hospitals, clinics, and community health settings
- **Charge Nurse or Nurse Manager**, supervising teams and coordinating patient care
- **Clinical Nurse Leader**, overseeing evidence-based practice at the unit level
- **Nurse Educator**, teaching in academic or clinical settings
- **Patient Care Coordinator**, advocating for safe, quality patient outcomes

PREREQUISITES

(Must have a grade of C or higher)

- Anatomy & Physiology I with lab
- Anatomy & Physiology II with lab
- General, Organic, or Biochemistry with lab
- Medical Microbiology with lab
- Public Speaking
- English (full sequence)
- Social Science 1: General Psychology or Developmental Psychology
- Social Science 2: General Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Alternate Psychology or Anthropology course
- Intro to Sociology or Cultural Anthropology
- Nutrition
- Undergraduate Statistics and Research

KEY DEADLINES

Application	Classes Begins
July 1	January

APPLICATION INFORMATION

To apply to Loma Linda University's School of Nursing, students must apply through the NursingCAS portal. [Start your application today!](#)

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

ABOUT LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY AND THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

With over 120 years of excellence and more than 12,000 alumni strong, Loma Linda University's School of Nursing—located in the heart of the Inland Empire—provides a faith-based education that emphasizes whole-person care: mind, body, and spirit. Our diverse student body, representing more than 80 countries and 65 religions, creates a vibrant environment for collaboration, cultural exchange, and lifelong learning.

We offer the following fully accredited programs:

- Bachelor of Science (BS)
- Master of Science (MS)
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

All programs are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), and the BS, MS, and DNP degrees are additionally accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)*. Our BS in Nursing prepares students for professional practice in both acute care and community settings, with varying program lengths depending on your chosen track.

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.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- **Bachelor's Degree or Higher** in a non-nursing field from a regionally accredited institution.
- **Minimum 3.3 GPA** (cumulative & prerequisite).
- **Application (NursingCAS & secondary)**
- **Official Transcripts** from all colleges attended
- **Three Recommendations** (two must be from instructors)
- **Pre-entrance Exams** (TEAS & Critical Thinking)
- **Interview** (by invitation)
- **Volunteer/Work Experience** in a clinical setting recommended

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. Students under 21 must live on campus, unless they are married or living with their parents. [Housing and Dining information.](#)

* 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.ccnaccreditation.org>).



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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