### DEGREE OFFERED

- **MS to PhD 76 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 degree in nursing is designed to prepare nurse scholars, leaders, and faculty who are ready to engage in knowledge development and research relevant to nursing science and practice.

The MS to PhD is offered as a full-time or part-time program on the LLU campus utilizing distance learning strategies. Courses are taken during the academic year, using a “hybrid” or “blended” teaching model. Students work their courses on-line and are required to come to campus for a one-week intensive face-to-face session each quarter. Seminar week schedules are developed well in advance so students can plan accordingly. Students interested in developing knowledge in the areas of Vulnerable Populations/Health Disparities, Health/Wellness/Wholeness, and Health Systems will find strong faculty mentors for their dissertation interest. Core courses, Concentration/Electives to support the student’s dissertation interest, research methods and cognates are available on the LLU campus. Specialty courses may be taken, through the *NEXus partnership (not subject to transfer unit limitations), or at another university (a limited number of units may be transferred if the school is not part of NEXus).

This schedule is designed to accommodate the needs of adult learners. The program may be completed in 3 years full-time or 5 years part-time.

*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.

All courses are subject to change

### PhD ROLE COURSES

- **NGRD 681 Philosophical Foun. of Nursing Science** 4u
- **NGRD 680 Advanced Theory Development** 4u
- **NGRD 688 Nursing Science Seminar (3 quarters)** 3u
- **NGRD xxx Writing for Publication** 4u

### CONCENTRATION/ELECTIVES

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(Focus Courses- foundational to dissertation)

### COGNATES

- **RELF --- Graduate-level - Relational** 3u
- **RELT --- Graduate-level - Theological** 3u
- **RELE --- Graduate-level - Ethical** 3u

### RESEARCH AND STATISTICS

- **NGRD xxx Advanced Statistics** 4u
- **NGRD 685 Qualitative Research Methods** 4u
- **NGRD 684 Quantitative Research Methods** 4u
- **NGRD 683 Mentored Research (2+2)** 4u
- **Advanced Methods Course** 4u

(dependes on student’s research design)

NGRD 697 Research** 20u

TOTAL 76 quarter units

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* 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.

http://win nexus.org
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

APPLICATION INFORMATION
To apply to Loma Linda University’s School of Nursing, students must first meet all the admission requirements. There is a $60 non-refundable application fee. The application can be found online at www.llu.edu/apply.

APPLICATION DEADLINES
The School of Nursing accepts PhD students on a rolling basis. Please contact our Admissions Office with any questions by phone at (909) 558-4923 or by e-mail at graduatenursing@llu.edu.

2015-2016 TUITION AND FEES
Tuition (per quarter unit): $870
Books & Supplies (estimated per quarter): $400
2016-2017 amounts subject to change
PhD students do not pay the quarterly fee and must provide their own health insurance.

FINANCIAL AID
Financial aid is available for eligible students. You should begin your financial aid process early, even before formal acceptance into the Nursing program. For more information on financial aid, visit www.llu.edu/students/financial-aid.

HOUSING
Housing is available on campus in a limited capacity. >> Lindsay Hall – for women (909) 558-4561
>> Daniells Residence Complex– for men and women (909) 558-4562

The Office of Student Affairs maintains information in their office on local housing. For more information, please visit www.llu.edu/llu/housing.

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