PROGRAMS OFFERED

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

MISSION
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. Our commitment to the development of expert nurse clinicians, educator, administrators, and researchers prepares graduates to leave with a solid foundation to transform the world one person at a time, and inspired to serve.

ACCREDITATION
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).

DOCTORATE (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
- 3 1/2 years full-time
- Part-time option available
- Hybrid Core Courses - only 4 days on campus per quarter
- Flexible schedule
- Curriculum allows students to start working part way through the program, upon APRN certification approval
- Clinical sight options available to all students
- Low faculty to student 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 as early as 3 ½ years). A master’s to doctorate (DNP) degree is embedded in this program for students who already have a master’s degree. Students interested in changing concentrations will be accepted into the masters to DNP and will have to take some extra courses and clinical hours pending evaluation of program coordinator. Part-time study is available, and courses are offered to accommodate working nurses.

The program is divided into 4 parts:

1- Core Courses: 4 days each quarter on-campus with online interaction; mentored-inquiry courses.
2- Concentration Courses: advanced practice clinical courses offered face to face.
3- Clinical Experience: students are required to complete on average 1000 clinical hours at a facility assigned by LLU School of Nursing in combination with theory classes taught on campus. Upon completion of APRN minimum clinical hours required, students can take the APRN certification and start practicing (the remaining of the clinical hours can be done in the workplace outside work hours).
4- DNP Project: The DNP Project can be done in the workplace allowing students to collect evidence based research data.
BS to DNP OPTIONS:

**Nurse Practitioner (NP):** The NP concentration prepares primary health care providers for the community and ambulatory setting. It is designed to prepare the NP to exercise independent judgment in assessment, supervision, and management of the primary health care needs of the individual, in consultation and collaboration with primary-care physicians. Nurse Practitioner is available in the following specialties:

- Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner (Primary Care)
- Family Nurse Practitioner (Primary Care)
- Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (Critical Care)
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (Primary Care)
- Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner (Primary Care)

**Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS):** The CNS concentration prepares advanced practice nurses who are expert clinicians specialized in a selected area of nursing. The CNS is an expert in evidence-based practice, integrating knowledge of disease and medical treatments into the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of patient illnesses. The CNS provides leadership in a clinical setting with the goal of providing quality care in a cost-effective manner to individual patients or groups of patients in a selected setting or population. Through autonomous practice the CNS works within the three spheres of the client, nursing practice, and the organization system to achieve needed outcomes. CNS is available in the following specialties:

- Clinical Nurse Specialist - Adult/Gerontology
- Clinical Nurse Specialist - Pediatrics

**Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA):**

*Starting Fall 2016* The CRNA concentration area prepares the nurse for the role of nurse anesthetist. CRNA is an advanced practice registered nurse trained in the theories and techniques involved in delivering anesthesia. CRNA’s participate in all aspects of patient care throughout the peri-operative continuum and practice in all fifty states, providing approximately 32 million anesthetics annually. (The admission requirements for this program will differ from the other BS to DNP concentrations. A separate information sheet is available for CRNA.)

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- Baccalaureate degree in nursing from an accredited program
- GPA of 3.0, both cumulative and in nursing courses
- Current United States RN license before application, 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. -Neonatal NP requires two years of NICU (Level 3 minimum) experience prior to entering clinical courses
- Application with personal statement
- Three electronic recommendations (recommenders will receive an email once application is submitted) – preferred: professor, current work supervisor
- Official transcripts for all college credits
- Interview by faculty members in the School of Nursing
- Health Science Reasoning Test*
- Essay to assess writing skills (after formal acceptance)*

**APPLICATION INFORMATION**

To apply to Loma Linda University’s School of Nursing, students must first meet all the admission requirements. The application can be found online at [www.llu.edu/apply](http://www.llu.edu/apply).

**ADMISSION DEADLINES 2015-2016**

All admission requirements must be completed by the deadline. Deadlines are as follows:

- **Fall** – April 1 (quarter begins in September)
- **Winter** – August 1 (quarter begins in January)
- **Spring** – November 1 (quarter begins in March)*

*CNS only, NPs are only accepted for Fall and Winter quarters

**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. A TOEFL score may also be required. Please visit [www.llu.edu/apply/intltrana](http://www.llu.edu/apply/intltrana) for more information.

**2015-2016 ESTIMATED TUITION AND FEES**

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*Projected 2015-2016 amounts subject to change

**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/ssweb/finaid](http://www.llu.edu/ssweb/finaid).

**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 on local housing. Current availabilities and Loma Linda University’s housing policy can be found at [www.llu.edu/llu/housing](http://www.llu.edu/llu/housing).