

## Program Description

The PhD degree in nursing is designed to prepare nurse researchers, educators and leaders who are ready to engage in knowledge development relevant to nursing science and practice. The program is offered in a hybrid format, only requiring 2-4 days on campus each quarter. Concentration and elective courses are taken during the academic year, with LLU, through the NEXus partnership, or at another university (a limited number of units may be transferred). A student's dissertation interest should fit with established research programs or professional expertise of School of Nursing faculty. After completion of coursework, an oral comprehensive examination allows the student to demonstrate their ability to move forward in the dissertation process. In consultation with the student's chosen committee the dissertation proposal is written and presented. Following approval, data collection ensues and the final defense conducted.

This schedule is designed to accommodate the needs of adult learners, either full time or part time students who have a professional commitment during the academic year. The program may be completed in 3-4 years full-time and up to 7 years part time.

## Program Length

3-4 years full-time; up to 7 years part time.

## Possible Careers

Nurse Scientist, Nurse Faculty, Nurse Leader

## Application Deadlines

Quarter	Application Open	Priority Deadline	Final Deadline
Winter of 2020	Dec 1, 2018	—	Nov 3, 2019
Spring of 2020	Apr 1, 2019	—	Nov 1, 2019

## Admissions Requirements

- Preference will be given to applicants with a Master's degree in nursing
- GPA minimum of 3.3 at the master's level
- Letters of Recommendation (3)
- Official transcripts for all college credits
- Interview by faculty members in the School of Nursing
- Evidence of scholarly work

## Prerequisites

BS entry: No specific prerequisites required.

Master's entry: a course in intermediate statistics, theory, and research.

### Expected Cost of Attendance

#### Academic Year

Year of Program:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Tuition	\$13,120	\$17,220	\$17,220	\$9,840	\$16,400
Fees	—	—	—	—	—
Books & Supplies	\$900	\$1,200	\$1,900	—	—
Instruments	—	—	—	—	—
Misc (e.g., Boards, Licensing exam, Uniforms)	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,020</b>	<b>\$18,420</b>	<b>\$19,120</b>	<b>\$9,840</b>	<b>\$16,400</b>

### Notes

Expected costs for the academic year are based on full time attendance. From year to year, increases are anticipated consistent with inflation in the professional education sector.

70-75% of LLU Nursing students receive financial aid

### Estimated Living Expenses

#### Academic Year , off campus, with a roommate

Year of Program:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Months enrolled	12	12	12	12	12
Room & Board	\$15,480	\$15,480	\$15,480	\$15,480	\$15,480
Transportation	\$3,840	\$3,840	\$3,840	\$3,840	\$3,840
Personal Expenses	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800

### Notes

- Amounts are what a student can apply to borrow for the number of months shown in each academic year based on living off campus with a roommate and not with a relative.
- International students need to calculate 12 months of living expenses based on the numbers listed here.
- In general, to qualify for financial aid a student must be enrolled at least half time taking degree requirements. Half time is 6 units in a quarter for undergraduate

programs and 4 units in a quarter for graduate programs.