

Program Description

The **Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner** program at the LLU School of Nursing prepares registered nurses for a rewarding career of touching patient's lives by supporting their journey to improved mental well-being. The Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner (Psych NP) program promotes whole person care, by focusing on the mental, physical, and spiritual health of patients. Students are prepared to promote optimal mental health, prevention, and treatment of psychiatric disorders and health maintenance within a variety of settings across the life span.

The curriculum for the Psych NP program builds on the basics of nursing with an emphasis of psychiatry, to train registered nurses to act as a therapist, helping patients with depression, anxiety and suicidal individuals, and other conditions that can be remedied with counseling. The Psych NP works in consultation and collaboration with psychiatrists and other mental health care providers to assess the mental health needs of individuals, families, groups and communities. With a dual emphasis on intervention through of psychotherapy and psychopharmacology, the Psychiatric Nurse practitioner program prepares registered nurses for advanced specialty practice.

The Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner BS to DNP program is 3 years and 6 months full-time. Part-time option is also available.

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:** Pharmacology I & II, and Pathophysiology are taught on campus with classes meeting once a week.
- 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.
- 4- **DNP Project:** The DNP Project can be done in the workplace allowing students to collect evidence based research data.

Program Length

4 years full-time, 5 years part-time

Possible Careers

Behavioral medical centers, clinics, private practices, jails, schools.

Application Deadlines

Quarter	Application Open	Priority Deadline	Final Deadline
Autumn of 2019	Sep 3, 2018	—	Jul 15, 2019
Winter of 2020	Dec 1, 2018	—	Aug 1, 2019

Prerequisites

Nursing (Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner), DNP

- 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*
- One year of RN experience in the area of desired clinical concentration is strongly advised for application competitiveness
- 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
- Shadowing highly recommended (4 to 8 hours)
- Interview by faculty members in the School of Nursing
- Health Science Reasoning Test**

*California RN license required before start of classes

**Taken on site

Discipline Accrediting Agency

The program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Graduates are prepared for certification by the State of California and the American Nurses Association as a Nurse Practitioner.

State Accrediting Agency

Loma Linda University is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).
The California Board of Registered Nursing granted continuing approval in 2010 to the School of Nursing.

Expected Cost of Attendance

Academic Year

Year of Program:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Tuition	\$20,160	\$25,200	\$27,720	\$25,200
Fees	\$2,625	\$2,625	\$2,625	\$2,625
Books & Supplies	\$1,100	\$1,000	\$600	\$200
Instruments	—	—	—	—
Misc (e.g., Boards, Licensing exam, Uniforms)	\$50	—	—	—
Total	\$23,935	\$28,825	\$30,945	\$28,025

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.

Tuition/Fees is an estimation based on 3 quarters with an average of 10 units (2 classes) per quarter. Living Expenses is calculated for financial aid purposes and is based on 3 quarters (9 months). Actual amounts may vary.

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
Months enrolled	9	9	9	9
Room & Board	\$11,655	\$11,655	\$11,655	\$11,655
Transportation	\$2,880	\$2,880	\$2,880	\$2,880
Personal Expenses	\$1,350	\$1,350	\$1,350	\$1,350

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.