

Dear Potential Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the UCLA School of Nursing. As a UCLA Bruin, you will study at a globally esteemed, premiere public research university with top nursing instructors. A DNP is a doctorally prepared nurse and a clinical expert and leader on the translation of evidence-base practice to improve health outcomes on a systems level. The DNP degree program is a clinical practice program for working professional nurses. You will integrate competencies for advanced nursing practice roles in clinical practice, leadership, health policy and education, as well as further develop your scholarship capacity in evidence-based practice.

Full-time doctoral study requires dedication and commitment; therefore, doctoral students are expected to reduce outside employment to 50% or below. To offset expenses, the UCLA School of Nursing offers fellowships and scholarships for newly admitted students. In addition, the UCLA School of Nursing is able to pay your fees each quarter that you agree to serve as a salaried Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant throughout the program.

Doctoral students have a variety of opportunities for clinical research through UCLA Health and in other clinical affiliating agencies. Resources available to students enrolled in the School of Nursing include a computer laboratory, access to a mainframe computer, and other up-to-date equipment to support advanced graduate study. In addition, one of the nation's premier biomedical libraries with computer search services is located next to the Center for Health Sciences.

We accept only applications for the Fall Quarter, and the deadline is **December 1, 2025**. The Admissions application will be available in September at www.grad.ucla.edu. For more information, we encourage you to visit our website at www.nursing.ucla.edu.

If you have questions on the admission process, please contact admissions@sonnet.ucla.edu. We will be happy to answer your questions.

Sincerely,



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Director of Recruitment, Outreach, and Admissions
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Post-BS (Nursing) to DNP Program

Application Procedure

Students are admitted for the fall quarter only. The Graduate Division application and the School of Nursing supplemental application have been combined into **one online application**. It can be found at www.grad.ucla.edu. You do not have to submit 2 separate applications. Please note that the deadline to submit your application is **December 1st**.

Each doctoral application file is evaluated individually by two faculty. Preference is given to applicants who demonstrate the capacity for original scholarship and nursing research as evidenced by clinical practice with leadership, submitted papers or publications, consistent research objectives and career goals related to health policy and education. Scholarly verbal and written communication skills are essential for success in the doctoral program.

Items that you must submit as part of your online application:

1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The goal of the Post-BS (Nursing) to DNP program is to prepare researchers who will contribute to knowledge that will enhance clinical practice. Graduates will assume leadership positions in academia and clinical research roles. The purpose of this statement is for you to provide information about yourself as well as to demonstrate your ability to express ideas clearly and logically in a grammatically correct format. **Please upload a typed, well-organized essay into the online Graduate Division application describing:**

- Reasons for graduate study: Describe your reasons for wanting to enter the DNP program in Nursing, any information about your background, training, and experience, which you believe is relevant to your qualifications for doctoral study.
- Please provide a balanced assessment of your personal characteristics including strengths, weaknesses, and areas you are working to improve. Describe how these characteristics influence your individual and group interactions, with particular emphasis on your interpersonal style, leadership, and membership qualities, and those characteristics that influence the way others view you.
- Briefly describe a problem in nursing science on which you would like to focus your research.
- Why did you select the DNP program at UCLA? What contribution do you expect to make to the nursing profession after earning the degree?
- How do you expect doctoral study at UCLA to facilitate your career goals? Specify outcomes you wish from doctoral study in relation to your identified area of clinical study and research.

2. RESUME

Please upload your resume to the online application.

3. RECOMMENDATION FORMS

Three are required. You do not need to send your recommenders the form. Once you fill out their contact information in the online application, they will automatically be sent a link to complete the form.

4. PERSONAL STATEMENT

This statement should not duplicate the Statement of Purpose. Describe how your background,

accomplishments, and life experiences led to your decision to pursue the graduate degree for which you are applying. Include any educational, personal, cultural, economic, or social experiences, challenges, or opportunities relevant to your academic journey. Describe any aspects of your personal background, accomplishments, or achievements that will allow the department to evaluate your contributions. Contributions to diversity, such as efforts to advance equitable access to education, public service that addresses the need of a diverse population.

5. **POST-BS to DNP ESSAY QUESTIONS**

The School of Nursing faculty would like applicants to answer the following additional questions:

Q1. Briefly describe specific situations when you have engaged in teamwork, team leadership, and or collaboration with people from diverse disciplines and perspectives.

Q2. Briefly describe specific situations when you engaged with others to advocate for individuals, families, patients, communities, populations, or system changes.

6. **TRANSCRIPTS**

Please send 1 official transcript from the school at which you completed your Bachelor's and/or Master's degree(s). We also require 1 official copy of transcripts from other schools at which you completed prerequisite classes.

Please send official transcripts and any other supporting documentation to:

Student Affairs Office
Attn: Post-BS to DNP PROGRAM
2-150 Factor Building
Box 951702
Los Angeles, Ca. 90095-1702

Questions?

Processing of Applications:

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UCLA Registrar's Office

Annual Academic Calendar 2026-27

FALL QUARTER 2026	
Quarter begins	Monday, September 21
Instruction begins	Thursday, September 24
Study List deadline (becomes official)	Friday, October 9
Veterans Day holiday	Wednesday, November 11
Thanksgiving holiday	Thursday-Friday, November 26-27
Instruction ends	Friday, December 4
Common final exams	Saturday-Sunday, December 5-6
Final examinations	Monday-Friday, December 7-11
Quarter ends	Friday, December 11
Christmas holiday	Thursday-Friday, December 24-25
New Year's holiday	Thursday-Friday, December 31-January 1
Winter campus closure	TBD
WINTER QUARTER 2027	
Quarter begins	Monday, January 4
Instruction begins	Monday, January 4
Study List deadline (becomes official)	Friday, January 15
Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday	Monday, January 18
Presidents' Day holiday	Monday, February 15
Instruction ends	Friday, March 12
Common final exams	Saturday-Sunday, March 13-14
Final examinations	Monday-Friday, March 15-19
Quarter ends	Friday, March 19
SPRING QUARTER 2027	
Quarter begins	Wednesday, March 24
César Chávez holiday	Friday, March 26
Instruction begins	Monday, March 29
Study List deadline (becomes official)	Friday, April 9
Memorial Day holiday	Monday, May 31
Instruction ends	Friday, June 4
Common final exams	Saturday-Sunday, June 5-6
Final examinations	Monday-Friday, June 7-11
Quarter ends	Friday, June 11
Commencement Ceremonies 2027	Commencement website
SUMMER 2027	
Juneteenth holiday	Friday, June 18
Summer session begins	Monday, June 21
Independence Day holiday	Monday, July 5
Labor Day holiday	Monday, September 6
Summer session ends	Friday, September 10

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Financial Aid- Post-BS (Nursing) to DNP Important Dates

December 1, 2025

Submit 2026-2027 Graduate Fellowship Application

Application is part of the Graduate Admissions online application.

For additional information check www.grad.ucla.edu ,
click prospective students, support for entering students.

March 2, 2026

Submit FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for 2026-2027

Apply online: www.fafsa.gov (school code: 001315)



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EXTREMELY COMPETITIVE.

WHILE WE CAN DO OUR BEST
AND PROVIDE ADVICE, OUR
GUIDANCE IS SIMPLY ADVICE
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ADMISSION