

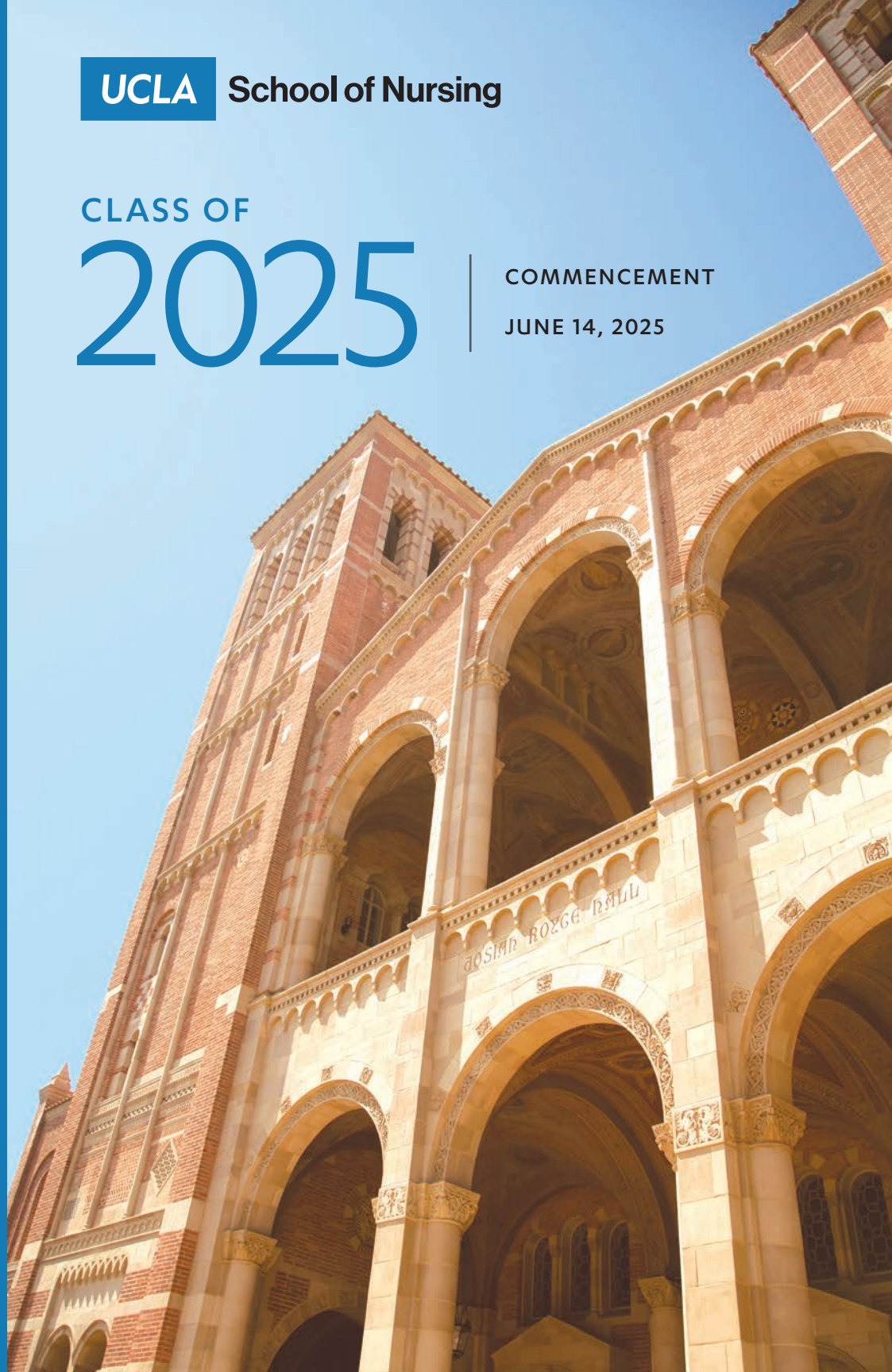
UCLA School of Nursing

CLASS OF

2025

COMMENCEMENT

JUNE 14, 2025



Message from the Dean

Lin Zhan



To the UCLA School of Nursing Class of 2025,

Congratulations to all nursing graduates on the incredible milestone of your life!

Today, you are receiving your doctoral degree in nursing practice, your doctoral degree in nursing science, your advanced practice degree in a chosen specialty, or you're joining the professional nursing field to start your nursing career! This amazing achievement reflects your unwavering commitment to making your dreams come true!

Your accomplishment comes from all those who educate, mentor, guide, support, and encourage you. I want to thank our dedicated faculty and staff for all that you do to educate and support future nurse leaders. I also want to thank the family and friends of our graduates for all the support, care, and encouragement that you provide to our graduates throughout their journeys.

People's health needs nurses. The shared vision for nursing is healthy lives for all people. With the vision and values of nursing — humanity, integrity, and justice — nurses provide compassionate, competent, and quality care around-the clock to patients, families, and communities, from the bedside to the board room, across healthcare ecosystems, across the human lifespan, and across the health continuum.

With your commencement, you join the ranks of the nearly 10,000 alumni that came before you: including some of nursing's most impactful leaders, scientists, and educators. UCLA has a rich tradition of preparing some of the world's most innovative minds. Today you join them.

UCLA Nursing graduates — each of you, with the knowledge you acquired, lessons you learned, and ethical values you upheld, will make positive impacts on healthcare and the patients you serve. You will continue the UCLA Nursing legacy of innovation, leadership, and excellence. Remember, no matter where you practice and lead, practice kindness daily.

On behalf of UCLA and our School of Nursing, I wish you a heartfelt congratulations and much success in all your endeavors.

With Bruin Pride,

Lin Zhan, PhD, RN, FAAN
Dean and Professor

Message from the Chancellor

Julio Frenk



Congratulations to the Class of 2025!

Today, we celebrate your hard work, your perseverance, and the journey that has brought you to this special moment. I hope you are proud of how far you have come.

Graduation marks both a culmination and a new beginning. It is a chance to look back on your time at UCLA and all of the ways that you have grown and changed. It is also an opportunity to look ahead — with hope and purpose — to all that lies ahead.

To be sure: Your graduation coincides with a complex moment in human history, when the ground appears to be shifting under our feet and we may feel a desire to lower our sights rather than raise them. My challenge to you: Resist that. I can assure you that your UCLA education has prepared you to meet this moment.

The values you have cultivated at our university — kindness, integrity, curiosity, a commitment to service, and a respect for diverse perspectives — will serve as your foundation as you become leaders in your communities and industries. You are now part of a global network of more than 670,000 Bruins who are shaping the future in bold and meaningful ways. Stay connected to your classmates, your mentors, and this university, which will always be your home.

On behalf of the entire UCLA community, I extend my deepest congratulations to you. We can't wait to see all that you will accomplish.

Go Bruins!

Julio Frenk
Chancellor



Commencement Agenda

INTRODUCTION

Elizabeth Yzquierdo, MPH, EdD, Associate Dean of Student Affairs

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Eugenia Sharon, APRN Student

OPENING REMARKS

Lin Zhan, PhD, RN, FAAN, Dean and Professor

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Julio Frenk, Chancellor

INTRODUCTION OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Barbara M. Bates-Jensen PhD, RN, FAAN,
Associate Dean of Academic Programs

STUDENT SPEAKERS AND PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Program Intro: Mary-Lynn Brecht, PhD

Student Speaker: Megan Ann Guardiano

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Program Intro: Nancy Jo Bush, DNP, RN, MA, AOCN, FAAN

Student Speaker: Akemi Jamila Martin

MS DEGREE INTRODUCTION

Wendie Robbins, PhD, RN, FAAN, FAAOHN

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING, ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE

Program Intro: Theresa Brown, DNP, ACNP-BC, AACC, FAANP

Student Speaker: Kathryn Gieschen Aller

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING, MASTER'S ENTRY CLINICAL NURSE

Program Intro: Emma Cuenca, DNP, RN, CCRN-K, CNS

Student Speaker: Ivy Pham

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Program Intro: Emma Cuenca, DNP, RN, CCRN-K, CNS

Student Speaker: Chaleah Jay Duran

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Lin Zhan, PhD, RN, FAAN, Dean and Professor

INTERNATIONAL PLEDGE FOR NURSES

Nalo Hamilton, PhD, MSN, WHNP/ANP-BC,

Associate Dean of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

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Marianna Bundros & Clarence Clavite, BS Students

CLOSING REMARKS

Elizabeth Yzquierdo, MPH, EdD, Associate Dean of Student Affairs

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Christoph Bull, UCLA Organist

Class of 2025
Candidates —————>



Candidates for Doctor of Philosophy

Maha Alshammari*

Social Cognition among Saudi
Women with and without Postpartum
Depression
*Co-Chairs, Dr. MarySue Heilemann
and Dr. Nancy Pike*

Leilanie Marie Ayala*

Interpretation of Bullying
Victimization Experiences of
Adolescents Admitted to an Inpatient
Psychiatric Unit
Chair, Dr. Lauren Clark

Attallah Dillard*

Examining Patient-Healthcare
Provider Sexual Health
Communication Among Black Women
Aged 50 and Older
Chair, Dr. MarySue Heilemann

Megan Ann Guardiano*

Psychosocial Work Characteristics,
Cognitive Function, and Subjective
Memory among Midlife and Older
Adult Workers in the United States
Chair, Dr. Jian Li

Karen Nelson*

Describing Death Literacy in a United
States Community
Chair, Dr. Barbara Bates-Jensen



DISSERTATION AWARD RECIPIENT

Mayumi Saiki*

The Impact of Work-Family Conflict
on Changes in Lipid Risk Factors,
Allostatic Load, and Perceived
Stress Among Workers: Four-Year
Longitudinal Evidence from the
Midlife in Japan Study
Chair, Dr. Jian Li

Stella Turkosn-Fiawoo*

Utilization of Breast and Cervical
Cancer Screening Services:
Understanding Factors Influencing
Aging Ghanaian and Nigerian
Immigrant Women's Decision to Seek
Preventive Health Services
Chair, Dr. Carol Pavlish

Cherisse Erika Watts*

Decision Making Processes of Black
Parents in Securing Developmental
Screenings, Diagnosis, and Early
Intervention Services for their
Children with Developmental Delay
or Developmental Disabilities
Chair, Dr. Lauren Clark

Candidates for Doctor of Nursing Practice

Sonniah Ahinasi-Kater, DNP, MSN, PMHNP-BC*

Improving Mental Health Literacy and Reducing Stigma in African American Nurses
Chair, Dr. Kia Skrine Jeffers

Nathan Anthony Barfield, DNP, MSN, MBA, NE-BC, CPHQ, CNRN*

Utilizing a Standardized Approach to Nurse Shift-to-Shift Care Transitions Based on a Modified Version of the AHRQ Bedside Shift Report Checklist
Co-chairs, Dr. Nancy Blake and Dr. Paul Macey



SCHOLARLY PROJECT AWARD RECIPIENT

Summer Collier, DNP, MSN, FNP-BC*

Increasing Prescription Rates of Pharmacotherapy for Alcohol Use Disorder in the Hepatology Clinic
Chair, Dr. Wendie Robbins

Jagjiwan (Jina) Kaur Dhatt, DNP, MPH, MSN-FNP, RN*

Impact of Culturally-Sensitive Education of a Low-Carbohydrate Diet Using ADA Plate Method on Glycemic Control and BMI in Hispanic Type 2 Diabetic Mellitus Adults in Primary Care Clinic
Chair, Dr. Su Yon Jung

Lia Gedamu, DNP, MSN, AGPCNP-BC*

Virtual Nurse-Led Hypertension Management
Chair, Dr. Wendie Robbins

Brenda Gomez, DNP, FNP-C, CCRN*

Needs Assessment for Nurses in End-of-Life Care for Hispanic Patients in Intensive Care Units
Chair, Dr. Eden Brauer

Young Kang, DNP, GNP*

Enhancing Nurses' Knowledge and Self-Efficacy in Managing Agitation and Aggressive Behaviors in Geriatric Unit Patients Using DICE Approach
Chair, Dr. Lauren Clark

Nahid Karimi, DNP, FNP-BC*

Continuous Glucose Monitoring for Glycemic Control in Non-Insulin-Treated Patients with Type 2 Diabetes: Clinic Experience
Chair, Dr. Dante Anthony Tolentino

Alexander Kim, DNP, AGNP-C*

Enhancing Self-Efficacy and Reducing Caregiver Burden Among Hispanic Caregivers of Individuals with Dementia through Accessible Video Caregiver Education

Chair, Dr. Yeonsu Song

Esperanza Magana, DNP*

Mindfulness for Lung Biopsy

Chair, Dr. Carol Pavlish

Akemi Jamila Martin, DNP, MSN, MSBS, RN, NE-BC*

The Nurse Leader Development Program: Enhancing Leadership Competencies in Novice Nurse Leaders

Co-chairs, Dr. Nancy Blake and Dr. Jian Li

Jeanette Ruiz, DNP, APRN, FNP-C*

Improving Knowledge and Comfort of Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) Form in Advanced Practice Clinicians

Chair, Dr. Eden Brauer

Rachel Sabbagh, DNP, MSN, RN, PHMCNS-BC

Nurse-led Interpersonal Psychotherapy for Perinatal Women with Depression and Anxiety

Chair, Dr. Kristen Choi

Yewande Sanusi, DNP, MSN, FNP*

Identifying and Addressing Bullying in Healthcare Work Environments: A Cognitive Rehearsal Training for Senior Pre-Licensure Nursing Students

Chair, Dr. Wendie Robbins

Eunjae Sung, DNP, NP*

Application of A Nutritional Guide for Elderly Korean Immigrants with Poorly Controlled Diabetes

Chair, Dr. Su Yon Jung

Jennifer Tustison, DNP, PMHNP, FNP*

Mindfulness Meditation as an Adjunct to Esketamine Treatment for Major Depressive Disorder

Chair, Dr. Kristen Choi

David Watkins, DNP, RN, MSN, NE-BC, CEN*

Advancing Pediatric Emergency Care: A Collaborative QI Resource for Los Angeles County EDAPs

Chair, Dr. Paul Macey

Jessie Wetherbe, DNP, MSN, FNP-BC, M.C., M.Ed. *

Local Analgesia for Patients Undergoing Endometrial Biopsy in the Outpatient Setting

Chair, Dr. Wei-Ti Chen

Candidates for Master of Science and Master of Science in Nursing Advanced Practice

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Emily Bloom*

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Malea Fontanilla*

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Zhaojun (Phoebe) Luo

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Sheena Mohammadi

Victoria Rose Pintado*

Dustin Pruitt

Kayoung Seo*

Eugenia Sharon*

Julie Ann Tupaz*

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Kathryn Gieschen Aller

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Rachel Gibbs Oody*+

Clarissa Gooze

Abby Kirkup

Erin Kodesh*

Jaehyun Kweon*•

Megan Llorente

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Sivarark Sriksamhaeng

PEDIATRIC ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER

Irene Ontiveros

PEDIATRIC PRIMARY AND ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER

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Brittney Anchondo

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Samantha Orel

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• Occupational and Environmental Health Nurse Practitioner

Candidates for

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Nathalie Gonzalez*

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Minami Homma

Meiyan Huang

Hannah Huapaya

Catherine Huynh*

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Ileana Jimenez

Harper LaCroix

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Sorina Neang Long*

Yeng See Lor*

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Sammi Mei+

Daisy Mercado*

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Kate Petit

Ivy Pham*

Jane Pham

Michele Phung*

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Yousuf Rafique

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Darlene Reynoso

Crystal Rivera+

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Citlali Rojas Angel

Jeffrey Sandoval-Medina*+

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Cindy Tien

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Vy Vu Tuong Tran

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Sadie Brebes+
Katy Brooks <<
Marianna Bundros*§
Bailey Champion*+
Erin Chin
Clarence Clavite*
Natalie Coughlin*+
Karlee Cullen+
Zoe Dhalla
Raman Dhandi <<
Chaleah Jay Duran*
Assaf Feigel <<
Grace Guetz-Betterton
Alyssa Gutierrez+
Mia Guzman*
Alisa Yonekawa Huang ∴
Sogand Javid
Steven Le*
Vy Le <<
Kimberly Martinez <<
Marcos Mendez*

Imani Moore
Heather Nguyen+
Yvonne Nguyen*
Jessica Palma Ramos
Rebecca Preusch*+
Xochilt Resendiz
Benicio Rivera
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Jessica Servoss
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Eunecia Ronee Tactay ∴
Ivan Tang+
David Tanoko*
Melody Tapia*
Tiahna Thomas*+
Rachel Trinh <<
Ethan Truong*+
Nayeli Valtierra-Padilla*
Isabella Vermeer+ <<
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Anna Vu+
Kathryn Wu
Emi Sarah Yanagita
Isabella Yee
Rachel Yu
Julia Zahra*
Johana Zendejas

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§ Summa Cum Laude

^M Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Certification

<< Cum Laude

∴ Magna Cum Laude

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- Search or share jobs, seek or provide mentorship and advance your career
- Link to a wide variety of Bruin networking groups
- Learn about UCLA happenings around the world



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International Pledge for Nurses

In full knowledge of the obligations I am undertaking, I promise to care for the sick with all the skill and understanding I possess, without regard to race, creed, color, politics or social status, sparing no effort to conserve life, to alleviate suffering and to promote health.

I will respect at all times the dignity and religious beliefs of the patients under my care, holding in confidence all personal information entrusted to me and refrain from any action which might endanger life or health.

I will endeavor to keep my professional knowledge and skill at the highest level and to give loyal support and cooperation to all members of the health team.

I will do my utmost to honor the international code of ethics applied to nursing and to uphold the integrity of the professional nurse.

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