

Dear Potential Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the UCLA School of Nursing. We have much to offer you as a potential Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) student.

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 covers every admitted student's In-State tuition/health insurance during the program's first year. 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 beginning the Winter Quarter of their first year. This funding requires a commitment to work 10 hours per week a quarter.

Doctoral students have a variety of opportunities for clinical research at the new Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center 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, 2024**. 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, contact me at mcovin@sonnet.ucla.edu, Jeimy Gama at jgama@sonnet.ucla.edu, or Nataly Ascencio at nascencio@sonnet.ucla.edu. We will be happy to answer your questions.

Sincerely,



Mark Covin, Ed.D.
Director of Recruitment, Outreach, and Admissions
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PhD 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 submitted papers or publications, consistent research objectives and career goals, and research objectives congruent with those of the faculty in the School of Nursing. Scholarly verbal and written communication skills are essential for success in the doctoral program. Those selected for the second round will be called for an interview. ZOOM will be used for all PhD applicants who are offered interviews.

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

1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The goal of the PhD 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 PhD 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 PhD 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.
- You are **strongly** encouraged to discuss your research interests related to doctoral study with UCLA School of Nursing faculty before you apply. This will help identify a potential advisor for you. Please identify who you spoke with or met with and describe the nature of the contact. For example, conversations at professional meetings, conversations over the telephone, a face-to-face meeting, or meetings to prepare a research or fellowship application for funding purposes.

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. **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.

6. **WRITING SAMPLE**

Please submit an example of a scholarly nursing paper and/or creative works.

Please send official transcripts and any other supporting documentation to:

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

ALL TRANSCRIPTS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15TH

Questions?

Processing of Applications:

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UCLA Registrar's Office Annual Academic Calendar 2025-26

FALL QUARTER 2025	
Quarter begins	Monday, September 22
Instruction begins	Thursday, September 25
Study List deadline (becomes official)	Friday, October 10
Veterans Day holiday	Tuesday, November 11
Thanksgiving holiday	Thursday-Friday, November 27-28
Instruction ends	Friday, December 5
Common final exams	Saturday-Sunday, December 6-7
Final examinations	Monday-Friday, December 8-12
Quarter ends	Friday, December 12
Christmas holiday	Wednesday-Thursday, December 24-25
New Year's holiday	Wednesday-Thursday, December 31-January 1
Winter campus closure	TBD
WINTER QUARTER 2026	
Quarter begins	Friday, January 2
Instruction begins	Monday, January 5
Study List deadline (becomes official)	Friday, January 16
Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday	Monday, January 19
Presidents' Day holiday	Monday, February 16
Instruction ends	Friday, March 13
Common final exams	Saturday-Sunday, March 14-15
Final examinations	Monday-Friday, March 16-20
Quarter ends	Friday, March 20
SPRING QUARTER 2026	
Quarter begins	Wednesday, March 25
César Chávez holiday	Friday, March 27
Instruction begins	Monday, March 30
Study List deadline (becomes official)	Friday, April 10
Memorial Day holiday	Monday, May 25
Instruction ends	Friday, June 5
Common final exams	Saturday-Sunday, June 6-7
Final examinations	Monday-Friday, June 8-12
Quarter ends	Friday, June 12
Commencement Ceremonies 2026	Commencement website
SUMMER 2026	
Juneteenth holiday	Friday, June 19
Summer session begins	Monday, June 22
Independence Day holiday	Friday, July 3
Labor Day holiday	Monday, September 7
Summer session ends	Friday, September 11

FEE NAME	RESIDENT	NONRESID...
Tuition	12,264.00	12,264.00
Student Services Fee	1,206.00	1,206.00
UCGPC Fee	7.00	7.00
Nonresident Supplemental Tuition (NRST)		15,102.00
Ackerman Student Union Fee	69.00	69.00
Student Seismic Fee	113.00	113.00
Graduate Students Association Fee	38.25	38.25
Graduate Writing Center Fee	21.03	21.03
UC Student Health Insurance Plan (UCSHIP)	5,571.33	5,571.33
BruinGo Universal Access Transit Pass Fee	33.00	33.00
Student Programs, Activities, and Resources Complex (SPARC) Fee	135.00	135.00
Wooden Center Fee	37.00	37.00
Continuing student total mandatory fees	\$19,494.61	\$34,596.61
Document Fee	100.00	100.00
New student total mandatory fees	\$19,594.61	\$34,696.61

UCLA School of Nursing Financial Aid- PHD Important Dates

December 1, 2024

Submit 2025-2026 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, 2025

Submit FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for 2025-2026

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

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**THE POOL OF APPLICANTS IS
EXTREMELY COMPETITIVE.**

**WHILE WE CAN DO OUR BEST
AND PROVIDE ADVICE, OUR
GUIDANCE IS SIMPLY ADVICE
AND WILL NOT GUARANTEE
ADMISSION**