



Western
University
OF HEALTH SCIENCES

College of
Graduate Nursing

Interview Day Guidebook

MSN-E 2027

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About the College of Graduate Nursing (CGN)

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Welcome From the Dean

In the College of Graduate Nursing, our students have access to a rich array of clinical resources that are not generally available at a liberal arts institution. Over the years, we have built a solid reputation of educating outstanding and compassionate advanced practice nurses and nurse leaders – a success we credit to our students, faculty and community partners. We are proud to be among those professionals standing in the forefront of nursing education helping to create the advanced practice nurses who will lead us into the next millennium.

Be a part of our rich history and exciting future!

Mary Lopez, PhD, RN
Dean, College of Graduate Nursing

College Mission

Our mission is to advance nursing education, through a humanistic approach, to enhance health equity and quality of life.

We accomplish this mission by cultivating relationships and academic-service partnerships across health systems that furthers interprofessional collaboration, scholarship, and practice.



The Interview Process

Interviews at WesternU are meant to be an exchange of information in a warm and welcoming environment. It is an experience that is both positive and enjoyable for the student applicants. Applicants have been selected by the individual college admissions committees because they exemplify those qualities that we feel are important in the health care professionals whom we educate.

We understand that the applicants are also making choices regarding the professional school that they will attend. Our goal is to inform the applicants of the educational programs provided to assist them, the state-of-the-art facilities that are available to the applicants, and demonstrate to potential students that we are “living our values”, that we are here for our students and for each other. This is what makes WesternU a special place to learn.

2025 Interview Dates *(subject to change)*

February 18th	February 20th	February 25th	February 27th	February 28th
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Interviews

- » Approximately 200-250 candidates will be interviewed from the applicant pool to fill a class of 100 students.
- » The average interview is approximately 30 minutes or less in duration.
- » The interview panel is comprised of 2 faculty members from the College of Graduate Nursing Administration.

Orientation

The interview day has been organized to allow you to obtain information about our programs and support services; therefore, we encourage you to **ASK QUESTIONS!**

Tour of the Campus

Please visit our website to view a self-guided virtual campus tour.

<https://www.westernu.edu/campus/pomona-campus-virtual-tour/>

We embody humanism through caring, respect, empathy, trust, and inclusion.

Admissions

Admissions Staff

The Admissions Office is staffed by the Associate Director of Admissions and four Admissions Counselors. The Counselors assist in the completion of your application, interview day scheduling, and they also assist with the planning and execution of interview day activities.

The admissions staff work closely with the Admissions Committee to prepare files and reports for committee meetings. They are also responsible for all communication to you on behalf of the Admissions Committee and with the Associate Director of Admission monitors and maintains enrollment.

The Associate Director of Admissions responsibilities include oversight of the admissions process for the College of Graduate Nursing including strategic enrollment management, the planning and execution all admissions policies and procedures in addition to meeting annual enrollment goals for the College of Graduate Nursing.

Admissions Committee

Our Admissions Committee is comprised of faculty who have many years of experience in medical school admissions. They are conscientious in their review of applications and consider all aspects of each application knowing that professional potential is just as important as academic ability. Our Admissions Committee is the group on campus that makes recommendations on acceptance to the college Dean. Your interviewers assist the admissions committee by gathering information in a one-on-one on-campus interview setting. The Admissions Committee uses this information to make decisions on admission. While naturally stressful, the goal is to get to know you and what kind of nurse you will be.

Once the approval has been given, all candidates receive an email notification of a status update to their application. Candidates log onto their status page to review updates. The Admissions Committee will place you in one of three categories.

Admissions Committee Decisions

- » Following the interview, applicants are placed in one of three categories: Accept, Alternate or Non-Accept.
- » Candidates will be notified by email of the committee's decision in March.
- » Applicants selected as Alternates may be offered a seat in the class as late as the first week of school (August).

Accept

MSN-E applicants accepted to WesternU will be required to submit the following:

- » An acceptance deposit in the amount of \$500.00 is due within two weeks after notification of acceptance. **This deposit is non-refundable.**
- » Official transcripts with degree posted
 - ALL prerequisite course work in progress must be completed by the end of the spring 2025 term. Summer 2025 courses are not accepted.
 - If you have prerequisite coursework in progress and are accepted to the MSN-E program, your acceptance will be contingent upon successful completion of ALL prerequisite courses.
- » A complete health history, physical examination, serum blood titers, Tuberculosis clearance, immunization records (since childhood), COVID-19 vaccination record, Tdap vaccine and completion of required health clearance forms is required **prior to registration** at Western university of Health Sciences. You can view full instructions and download the required forms on the Admitted Student Web Page.
- » Medical Insurance: Health insurance is required for the duration of time at WesternU
- » Background Check
- » Accepted students are given a WesternU email address. Instructions on how to access your email account will be available on your Application Status Page approximately one week after your acceptance offer. All communication will be sent to your WesternU email address. It is important that you view your email regularly for information.

You will also be required to attend **Welcome Week/Orientation on August 6-9, 2025**. Please do not accept your seat offer if you are not able to attend the Orientation.

Failure to complete the admissions requirements will result in the delay of your registration, financial aid and/or rescindment of your acceptance.

If you have any questions, please check with the Admissions office.

Alternate

- » The alternate status is for this year only.
- » Alternate candidates may be offered a seat from the time the alternate letter is received until August 2025.
- » You will need to accept your alternate status via your Application Status Page to remain in consideration. If you should accept a seat elsewhere, please notify us via email so that we can remove you from the alternate list. Be advised that second interviews are not granted.
- » Alternates are not ranked; alternate files will be reviewed for consideration of an offer of acceptance as needed.
- » Applicants selected as alternates may or may not be offered a seat for the upcoming entering class. Your alternate status will remain unchanged until you are notified by WesternU admissions office.
- » Candidates who are unsuccessful in gaining admission will be notified by the first week of September.

Non-Accept

- » Applicants will be notified by email.
- » Committee decisions are final.
- » Applicants may contact an Admissions Counselor to make an appointment for phone counseling. Suggestions on how to improve your application do not guarantee an interview and/or acceptance to the MSN-E Program. Remember to check our website for new application deadline dates and/or any changes in program requirements.

International Students

For more information, please visit our web site at: <http://www.westernu.edu/international-welcome>.

Background Check

The hospitals associated with our clinical education program require background checks on all incoming students to ensure the safety of the patients treated by our students. You will also be required to order a second background check in sufficient time for it to be reviewed by the hospitals prior to starting your clinical rotations. A background check typically takes 3 business days to complete. As an adult, if you have an international residential history (6 months or longer) within the last seven years, you must request an international background check. If you request an international background check, the domestic background check will automatically be included. You are a NEW STUDENT even if you are currently enrolled in a graduate/other WesternU program, please carefully follow the instructions given. You must notify your Admissions Counselor of any convictions that occur between the completion of your background check and your enrollment at WesternU.

PreCheck, Inc., a firm specializing in background checks for healthcare workers, conducts the background checks. Your order must be placed online through StudentCheck. Your background check should not be requested prior to February 1st of the entering year.

Personal Competencies for Admission and Matriculation

A candidate for admission to the College of Graduate Nursing program must possess, or be able to achieve through reasonable accommodation, certain intellectual, emotional, and physical abilities, to perform the activities described in the following sections. Upon matriculation to the program, the student must continue to possess, or be able to achieve through reasonable accommodation, the personal competencies outlined below throughout their progression in the College of Graduate Nursing program. Graduate Nursing requires the performance of specific essential functions, which include but are not limited to the broad skills categories defined below.

For candidates or students who require reasonable accommodation to meet the competencies outlined below, please contact the Harris Family Center for Disability and Health Policy (HFCDHP) at (909) 4695297.

Under all circumstances, a candidate or student should be able to perform the following in a reasonably independent manner, with or without a reasonable accommodation:

COMPUTER LITERACY

Students are expected to have basic computer literacy skills prior to enrollment. Students should demonstrate skills in basic word processing, Microsoft applications (Word, PowerPoint, and Excel), use of the Internet, email, and online literature searches. Students will be expected to meet Basic Computer Competencies, Information Literacy, and Clinical Information Management competencies as outlined in the TIGER (Technology Informatics Guiding Education Reform) initiative.

INTELLECTUAL SKILLS


In addition to essential academic content and performance skills, each course requires learning activities that foster intellectual skill development for critical thinking and decision making as well as oral and written communication.

TECHNICAL GUIDELINES FOR NURSING PRACTICE (MSN-E)

Nursing education requires not only the accumulation of scientific knowledge, but also the simultaneous acquisition of technical skills and professional attitudes and behavior. Nursing school faculties have a responsibility to society to matriculate and graduate the best possible nurses. Admission to nursing school has been offered to those most qualified for the practice of nursing. Technical standards presented in this document are prerequisite for admission and graduation from the College of Graduate Nursing at Western University of Health Sciences. Graduates of the CGN must have the knowledge and skills to function safely and with competence in a broad variety of clinical situations and to render a wide spectrum of patient care services. All courses in the MSN-E curriculum are required to develop the essential skills necessary to become a competent nurse.



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WesternU is home to over
170 student led clubs and
organizations.

There are essential functions or abilities necessary for admission and progression in the College of Graduate Nursing program at Western University of Health Sciences. The candidate must be able to perform all essential functions (with or without accommodation). The College of Graduate Nursing follows the Western University of Health Sciences non-discrimination policy, and students requesting accommodations should contact the Harris Family Center for Disability and Health Policy (HFCDHP) at (909) 469-5441. These essential functions include, but are not limited to, the following:

OBSERVATION (SENSORY)

Candidates must be able to observe patients and demonstrations, close and at a distance, to learn skills and to gather patient data (e.g., observe a patient's color, respiratory rate, gait, appearance, posture, etc.). Candidates also must possess functional use of the sense of vision and somatic sensation. Observation is enhanced by the functional use of the sense of smell.

COMMUNICATION

Candidates must have the ability to communicate orally and in writing with patients, families, groups and other members of the healthcare team, as well as faculty and peers. Candidates must also be able to interpret communication of others. Candidates also must be able to read and comprehend written materials at a graduate level.

PSYCHOMOTOR SKILLS

Candidates must have sufficient motor function to perform nursing tasks and to obtain data from patients using tactile, auditory, and visual maneuvers. Candidates must be able to execute motor movements to provide required general nursing care as well as emergency treatments.

MOBILITY AND STAMINA

A student must possess sufficient gross and fine motor skills and endurance to provide safe and effective nursing care in all health care settings. Students must have the ability to perform basic life support (including CPR); function in an emergency situation; safely assist a patient in moving (e.g., from wheelchair to commode, from chair to bed, lift and transfer from gurney to bed); calibrate and use equipment; perform treatments and procedures; apply pressure to stop bleeding; manipulate diagnostic instruments to adequately perform a physical assessment; and sit, stand and move about in patient environments for 12-hour periods.

TACTILE

A student must have sufficient tactile ability to perform a physical assessment of a patient and to perform procedures necessary for nursing care. Students must have the ability to perform palpation and other functions necessary for a physical examination; assess texture, shape, size and vibration; note temperature changes in skin and equipment; perform therapeutic functions (e.g., inserting a urinary catheter or IV, change dressings, give medications).

INTELLECTUAL AND COGNITIVE ABILITIES

Candidates must be able to measure, calculate reason, analyze, synthesize, integrate, and apply information in making clinical judgments. Problem solving, a clinical skill required of nurses, requires all these intellectual abilities. In addition, candidates must be able to comprehend 3-D relationships and to understand the special relationships of structures.

BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL ATTRIBUTES

Candidates must possess the emotional health required to use their intellectual abilities fully. This may be demonstrated by exercising good judgment; promptly completing all responsibilities attendant to the care of patients and aggregates; and developing mature, sensitive, and effective relationships with patients, families, and other health care workers as well as faculty and peers. Candidates must be able to tolerate physically taxing workloads and to function effectively under stress. They must be able to adapt to changing environments, to display flexibility, and to learn to function in the face of uncertainties and ambiguities.

ETHICAL STANDARDS

A candidate must demonstrate the ability to reason morally and practice nursing in a professional, civil, and ethical manner with patients, families, and other health care workers as well as with faculty and peers.

Admitted Student Health Clearance Document Requirement

STUDENT HEALTH AND SAFETY

New matriculants into WesternU's health professions programs must submit evidence that they are in good health and be able to withstand the physical and mental pressures commonly placed upon professional students. All incoming students are required to submit a full medical history as well as the results of a physical examination, that is no more than 6 months old, prior to matriculation. New incoming students are required to submit all documentation as described in the Student Health Packet. All documents are to be submitted at one time. Student Health cannot release holds until all required documents have been received and accepted. Those students who are returning to WesternU after a lapse of enrollment of at least six (6) months are required to submit an updated history and physical exam, including a valid TB clearance before they will be cleared to resume matriculation. Additionally, serum blood titers are valid for no more than 4 years from the date they were originally processed. Any form or documentation required by the Student Health Office can be emailed to stu-emphealth@westernu.edu or fax 909-706-3785. It is the student's responsibility to ensure all forms are submitted to the Student Health Office. Students should not depend on their healthcare provider's office or their college to submit required documents on their behalf. Student Health does not have access to other systems, e.g., VSAS, where some student forms are uploaded and stored. For the complete list of requirements, please refer to the University Catalog.

MSN-E Curriculum

YEAR 1

FALL SEMESTER

CLINICAL FEE ASSESSED FOR TERM?		YES
Course	Title	Credit Hours
IPE 5000	Patient Centered Cases I – An Interprofessional Approach*	1.00
GN 6115	Introduction to Pathophysiology	3.00
GN 6145	Pharmacology 1	2.00
GN 6165	Evidence Based Practice and Theory	3.00
GN 6201	Health Assessment	2.00
GN 6202	Clinical Practicum: Health Assessment	1.00
GN 6410	Nursing Fundamentals	3.00
GN 6411	Clinical Practicum: Nursing Fundamentals	2.00
Semester Total:		17.00

SPRING SEMESTER

CLINICAL FEE ASSESSED FOR TERM?		YES
Course	Title	Credit Hours
IPE 5100	Patient Centered Cases II – An Interprofessional Approach*	1.00
GN 6155	Pharmacology II	2.00
GN 6170	Utilization of Evidence in Health Care	2.00
GN 6501	Nursing of Adults and Older Adults I	4.00
GN 6502	Clinical Practicum: Nursing of Adults and Older Adults I	3.00
GN 6601	Mental Health Nursing	2.00
GN 6602	Clinical Practicum: Mental Health Nursing	2.00
Semester Total:		16.00

SUMMER SEMESTER

CLINICAL FEE ASSESSED FOR TERM?		YES
Course	Title	Credit Hours
GN 6551	Nursing of Adults and Older Adults II	1.00
GN 6552	Clinical Practicum: Nursing of Adults and Older Adults II	4.00
GN 6710	Obstetric Nursing	2.00
GN 6711	Clinical Practicum: Obstetric Nursing	2.00
GN 6720	Pediatric Nursing	2.00
GN 6721	Clinical Practicum: Pediatric Nursing	2.00
Semester Total:		16.00

YEAR 2**FALL SEMESTER****CLINICAL FEE ASSESSED FOR TERM?****YES**

Course	Title	Credit Hours
IPE 6000	Team Training in Healthcare I*	1.00
GN 6777	Clinical Implementation Project	1.00
GN 6801	Leadership and Management in the Clinical Setting	2.00
GN 6802	Leadership and Management in the Clinical Setting: Clinical Practicum	1.00
GN 6805	Advanced Clinical Applications Practicum	3.00
GN 6810	Biostatistics	2.00
GN 6905	Public Health and Population Based Nursing Practice	3.00
GN 6906	Public Health and Population Based Nursing Practice: Clinical Practicum	3.00
Semester Total:		16.00

SPRING SEMESTER**CLINICAL FEE ASSESSED FOR TERM?****YES**

Course	Title	Credit Hours
GN 6888	Clinical Implementation Project II	2.00
GN 6910	Clinical Immersion Practicum 1	3.00
GN 6915	Improvement Science for Quality and Safety	3.00
GN 6920	Health System Leadership	3.00
GN 6921	Health System Leadership: Clinical Practicum	1.00
GN 6930	Informatics and Technology	2.00
Semester Total:		14.00

SUMMER SEMESTER**CLINICAL FEE ASSESSED FOR TERM?****YES**

Course	Title	Credit Hours
GN 6940	Clinical Immersion Practicum II	3.00
GN 6950	Advanced Professional Role	2.00
GN 6951	Advanced Professional Role: Clinical Practicum	1.00
GN 6960	Care Coordination/Chronic Disease Management	3.00
GN 6999	Clinical Implementation Project III	2.00
Semester Total:		11.00

* Course(s) not charged tuition.



About Western University of Health Sciences





Overview of WesternU Financial Aid Processes

Welcome! The information below is to provide you with a quick overview on how financial aid is processed at our office. Please visit our website at <https://www.westernu.edu/financial/>, which has a lot of useful information.

If you have any questions or feedback, please contact our office at (909) 469-5353 or via email at finaid@westernu.edu. We look forward to assisting you!

Applying for Aid

THE PROCESS

1 COMPLETE THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is open for submission annually each October 1st.

- » Create a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID
- » This FSA ID is used to sign your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. If you have an existing FSA ID, you are not required to create another one.
- » Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) <https://studentaid.gov/>
- » Western University of Health Sciences (WesternU) school code is 024827
- » When completing the FAFSA application, transfer your federal tax information from two years ago (Prior-Prior Year).

2 REVIEW STUDENT BUDGET / COST OF ATTENDANCE

Student Budgets/Cost of Attendance are subject to change and costs vary each year. See below for details.

3 REQUIREMENTS

In early spring the Financial Aid Office will email your WesternU email account. This email will instruct you to login to your Student Portal to complete the listed requirements prior to disbursement of loan funds. Once requirements are completed, your financial College Finance Plan will be emailed to your WesternU email account. Awards typically are awarded by the beginning of June.

4 FINANCIAL AID OFFER

Packaging and Award Policy

- » Students at WesternU are packaged and awarded as independent graduate students. There are no Grants available to graduate students. Resources such as gift aid, scholarships, Military and the National Health Service Corps will be taken into consideration first when packaging and awarding students.
- » All eligible students are awarded the unsubsidized loan based on the length of your academic year <https://www.westernu.edu/financial/loan-counseling/financial-loans-department-education/> and the balance in the Grad PLUS loan to meet the maximum budget.
- » Outside scholarships are available! Please visit <https://www.westernu.edu/financial/scholarships/> for more details.

Loans

- » Graduate professional students are eligible to borrow federal loans up to the cost of attendance minus other financial aid from the Department of Education (ED) and/or non-Department of Education lenders referred to as an Alternative loan.
- » ED Loans and Interest Rates are as follows:
- » Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan 7.05% (T-Bill + 3.60%)
- » Grad PLUS Loan 8.05% (T-Bill + 4.6%)
- » The Federal Graduate PLUS loan requires a credit check. If loan is declined, student will need an Endorser.
- » Please remember that the interest rates for each academic year may vary based on what the 10-Year T-Bill will be by the end of May of each year. In addition, there is an origination fee, which is assessed at the time of disbursement. For additional information visit our website <https://www.westernu.edu/financial/loan-counseling/>. Repayment begins 6 months after the student graduates or drops below half time enrollment. Limited deferments and forbearances are available to students upon graduation based on economic hardship.

Alternative Loan

- » Eligible students are International, DACA, and those eligible to borrow ED loans.
- » International and DACA students must secure a U.S. Citizen co-signer to obtain funding.
- » Requires a credit check and is based on credit worthiness. Unlike ED's Loan program, approval is not guaranteed. The lending institutions determine interest rates of which there is no cap. Some lenders may charge an origination fee. Alternative loans may not have deferment/forbearance as an option.

WesternU has four
academic medical
centers in four cities.

5 DISBURSEMENTS SCHEDULE

- » Disbursement schedules are based on the student's program enrollment terms (fall and spring or fall, spring, and summer terms).
- » The financial aid amount you've accepted will be disbursed to your Student Account. Loan funds will first be used to pay for tuition and fees and then the remainder of it will be deposited to your checking account.
- » To view your disbursement schedule, please Login to your Student Portal.

6 MEET WITH A FINANCIAL AID COUNSELOR

- » Students who are borrowing ED loans for the first time at Western University of Health Sciences will receive an email with instructions to schedule their 30-45-minute mandatory New Student Information (NSI) Financial Aid group meeting.

Student Budgets

- » The budget is for the student only and for educational expenses during the period of enrollment.
- » Information is updated annually at the end of March.
- » All budgets are estimated costs and are subject to change
- » Please visit <https://www.westernu.edu/financial/financial-budgets/> for details.

TUITION & FEES	FIRST YEAR 12 MONTHS/ 47 UNITS	SECOND YEAR 12 MONTHS/40 UNITS
Tuition	\$62,557	\$53,240
Clinical Fees	\$2,373	\$2,373
Online Curriculum Support Tool Fee	\$360	\$360
Student Body Fees	\$40	\$40
Scrubs (2 sets)	\$128	N/A
Graduation Fees	N/A	\$350
Student Health Record Fee	\$50	N/A
TOTAL TUITION & FEES	\$65,508	\$56,363

BUDGET ITEMS/ESTIMATED COSTS	FIRST YEAR 10 MONTHS	SECOND YEAR 10 MONTHS
Books & Supplies	\$2,800	\$250
Living Expenses (room + food)	\$23,216	\$23,216
Misc. Personal Expenses	\$7,469	\$7,469
Odessey Conference Fee	\$110	N/A
Transportation	\$6,796	\$6,508
Background Check/Drug Screening	\$120	N/A
CPR	\$90	N/A
Licensure fees/BRN/PVUE/Live Scan	N/A	\$900
Typhon Clinical Log System	\$100	N/A
Uniforms	\$200	N/A

LOAN FEES	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR
Direct Unsubsidized Loan Fees	\$217	\$217
Direct Grad PLUS Loan Fees	\$3,641	\$3,147
TOTAL ESTIMATED BUDGET (subject to change)	\$110,267	\$98,069

THE AVERAGE INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE WESTERNU MSNE REDESIGN PROGRAM FOR THE LAST YEAR 3 YEARS::	
2021 MSNE redesign	\$138,029
2022 Graduates	\$136,124
2023 Graduates	\$143,271




Policies and Procedures

Western University of Health Sciences Accreditation

Western University of Health Sciences is accredited by the Senior College and University Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WSCUC). WASC's statement of accreditation status can be found at <http://www.wascsenior.org/institutions/western-university-health-sciences>. You may contact WASC at 985 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 100, Alameda, CA 94501. Phone: (310) 748-9001, Fax: (310) 748-9797, email: wascsr@wascsenior.org. WASC is a non-profit organization that evaluates the quality and educational effectiveness of schools, colleges, and universities. WASC is one of six regional accreditation agencies in the United States. While it is not officially regulated by the government, it is regularly reviewed by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

College of Graduate Nursing Accreditation

All programs offered by the College of Graduate Nursing are California Board of Registered Nursing approved and professionally accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Graduates of the MSN-Entry program are eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX). Graduates of our Post-Masters Family Nurse Practitioner and Master of Science in Nursing/Family Nurse Practitioner programs are eligible to apply for state certification and to sit for the appropriate national certification examination. Graduates from the Health Systems Leadership tracks are also eligible to apply for certification; Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) upon graduation and Administrative Nurse Leader (ANL) after working in a leadership role for 2 years after graduation.



At WesternU, we
integrate research
with education and
humanism.

Catalog Overview

The [University Catalog](#) is now available on-line. The files are in PDF format and will require Acrobat Reader to view.

To ease download times for viewing, we have broken up the catalogue into major sections, academic program by academic program. In addition, the information contained in the Student Handbooks has been incorporated into the catalog. University Academic Policies and Procedures are contained as a section within each program component.

- » Student Employment
- » Harris Family Center for Disability and Health Policy
- » Psychological Counseling Services
- » Sexual Harassment
- » Drug Free Environment
- » Dress Code
- » Standards of Academic and Professional Conduct
- » Attendance and Absences
- » Background Investigation

Diversity Statement

The students, faculty, administration, and staff of Western University of Health Sciences place great value on diversity. For us, it is a philosophy of inclusion, with pluralism and academic freedom as its foundation. WesternU is committed to an open environment that promotes, accepts, and celebrates different points of view.

WesternU is a community of individuals in which diversity is recognized as being the core of our intellectual, social, cultural, physical, emotional, and moral lives. We are enriched by our encounters with one another, and we strive to learn from each other in an atmosphere of positive engagement and mutual respect. Our understanding and acceptance of one another in the campus environment contributes to our ability to care for our patients, who live in a diverse society.

We acknowledge our guaranteed rights of free expression under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. However, we also hold unique responsibilities as individuals, answerable for our own behavior and fully accountable for our actions. Seeking balance between rights and responsibilities makes us keenly aware of the dangers of defamatory, libelous, or obscene behavior, the value of community and the importance of respecting our differences and commonalities.

As individuals committed to health professions education in the osteopathic tradition, we embrace the important principle of caring for the whole person-in body, mind and spirit.

Notice of Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity

In accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, Western University of Health Sciences (WesternU) is committed to ensuring a campus community free from unlawful discrimination. Accordingly, WesternU prohibits unlawful discrimination on the basis of race (inclusive of traits historically associated with race, including hair texture and protective hairstyles), color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, age, religion, creed (including religious observances, practices, dress, head scarves, beards, and grooming standards associated with one's religious beliefs or practices), medical condition (as defined by statute), genetic information, marital status, pregnancy (including childbirth, breastfeeding or related medical conditions), veteran status or any other characteristic protected by law. WesternU also prohibits unlawful harassment, including Sexual Harassment (see below pertaining to Sexual and Gender-Based Harassment, Interpersonal Violence, and other Sexual Misconduct (SIM) policy and procedure). Lastly, WesternU is committed to providing equal access to and equal opportunities to all members of its campus community in accordance with all applicable laws.

Like Hippocrates, the Father of Medicine, we teach that the focus of treatment is on the patient, not the disease.

Safety and Security: Annual Security Report

The security of all members of the campus community is of vital concern to the Western University of Health Sciences. In compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act, information concerning campus security programs, recommended personal safety practices, the authority of the University security guards, campus disciplinary procedures and campus crime statistics for the most recent three-year period is now available at <https://www.westernu.edu/safety/safety-handbook/>. The information included in this document has been prepared by the Office of Health and Safety using statistical and other information supplied by the Pomona Police Department and Campus Security.

Interview Day Evaluation Survey

Approximately one to two days after your interview, a link to the Interview Day Evaluation Survey will be emailed to you. The information that you provide will remain confidential. Your comments are important to us and we hope that you will take a few minutes to complete it. We consider your comments when planning our future interviews and will help us to provide constructive feedback to faculty, staff, and students. If you do not receive the survey link, please contact the admissions office to request it.

University Student Affairs

Support Services Academic Year 2024-2025

Learning Enhancement and Academic Development (LEAD)

<https://www.westernu.edu/lead/lead-about/>

LEAD MISSION

We provide supportive education and well-being services to the WesternU community to foster and promote the university's humanistic values and traditions

LEAD specializes in five main topics that support students through their academic journey here at WesternU. The five main areas include: a) one-on-one academic counseling; b) tutoring; c) the annual Summer Preparedness and Readiness Course (SPaRC); d) the Wellbeing Initiative; and e) various workshops relevant to student life. All LEAD services are free of charge to the WesternU community and all services are completely confidential.

Academic Counseling In one-on-one academic counseling sessions, students can improve their competencies in a range of areas, including study strategies, test taking; focus and retention, time management, stress management, academic and professional writing skills, and more. Each 50-minute session is designed to address the student's unique needs. Appointments are confidential and free to all WesternU students. Students can schedule as many sessions as needed.

Appointments are conducted online via Zoom, and when students return to campus, appointments can be done in person in the LEAD Office and via Zoom.

Tutorial Assistance Program (TAP) This program offers peer-based, small group content review sessions. To receive TAP support, students must first meet with a LEAD academic counselor and then students must request a tutor. Our LEAD tutors are current and alumni students who have successfully completed the coursework students are requesting.

Wellbeing Initiative The initiative consists of Wellbeing workshops with topics that focus on student wellness. These activities aim to teach students skill sets to stay healthy and well while going through their rigorous programs. The office connects academic guidance with the mission of caring for students in a humanistic way.

LEAD's goal is to be an academic success partner as students transition into professional school.

- » Academic Counseling
- » Summer Preparedness & Readiness Course (SPaRC)
- » Academic & Professional Writing
- » Time Management
- » Test Taking Skills

» Board Exam Preparation

» Wellness

» Tutoring Services

Hours: 8:00am-5:00pm

Virtual appointments: Mon-Fri

In-person appointments: Tues-Thurs

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Harris Family Center for Disability and Health Policy (CDHP)

We're on your side! HFCDHP is an advocate for students with permanent or temporary disabilities. Our goal is to ensure that all university programs and activities are accessible – by providing accommodations and services so students with disabilities can successfully complete their academic goals.

To learn additional information about the services we offer or to start the interactive process, which may take up to six weeks, please view our webpage at <https://www.westernu.edu/cdhp/>. Here you will find information on how to register for accommodations, required documentation, and other helpful information about our center. To contact our center, you may call (909) 469-5441 or email disabilityaccommodations@westernu.edu.

Please keep in mind, there are no charges to you for services that are needed to support your educational program. We are here to help you succeed!

Fitness Benefits

<https://www.westernu.edu/students/fitness>

We want you to stay mentally and physically fit while you are a student, so we offer several great opportunities to stay healthy:

One Pass Select — One Pass Select is a new addition to our benefits list and gives you multi-gym access within your tier along with other perks like free grocery delivery from Shipt and Walmart+ (with select tiers). One Pass Select memberships are purchased directly from Optum via a WesternU portal and members can submit for a reimbursement (up to \$100).

<https://www.westernu.edu/students/students-services/students-services-counseling/>

We are pleased to provide all full-time students access to an Emotional Wellbeing Solutions (EWS) for students through OptumHealth. Under the EWS for students, you and any member of your immediate household are eligible for up to six free counseling sessions for each “incident” or situation. Counseling includes but is not limited to emotional well-being; financial planning; work; and school issues. Counseling services may be accessed by telephone, via the web, or face-to-face. On-campus counselors are also available.

Identification Badges

Student identification badges must be worn at all times while on campus. Replacement badges may be obtained by emailing StudentAffairs@westernu.edu

Health Insurance

<https://www.westernu.edu/registrar/registrar-about/registration-information/student-health-insurance/>

As a full-time WesternU student, you must show during registration EACH academic year that you have a current health insurance policy. We encourage you to “shop around” for a health insurance plan that meets your specific needs. Many students are enrolled in plans offered by Blue Cross, Kaiser Permanente, HealthNet, PacifiCare, Aetna, US Healthcare, and United Healthcare. Many companies out there can give you the coverage you need for your specific health concerns. If you are unfamiliar with insurance terminology, HealthCare.gov provides a glossary of health insurance terms that may be helpful as you review and compare your insurance options. Coverage requirements for all students seeking to waive out of the school sponsored insurance plan are as follows:

- » ACA compliant domestic health insurance plan for the entire academic year, including summer and holidays.
- » Deductible of no more than \$1,000 per policy year (\$2,000 for family plan)
- » Plan must utilize a provider network in the area of the campus you are attending for primary care, specialty, hospital, and diagnostic care

Should you choose not to go with another health insurance plan or if you do not show proof of insurance by the deadline, you will automatically be enrolled in the Aetna Student Health insurance plan which includes basic dental and vision coverage. This plan is designed to cover you for routine care and in the event of a major medical emergency. Under this plan, students have access to a network of healthcare providers. Listed below are some of the additional main highlights of this insurance plan. For complete details visit our health insurance page at www.westernu.edu/registrar/registrar-about/registrationinformation/student-health-insurance/ or call WesternU's insurance broker, HSA Consulting at (888) 978-8355 or by email at westernu@hsac.com. NOTE: There is a University-owned medical center (Patient Care Center) located on the WesternU Campus in Pomona, California and students are welcome to use this medical facility. There are no free services to students. Students may want to call in advance to verify that the wait time will be minimal. The Patient Care Center accepts many types of insurance including the insurance plan described above.

Student Parking

<https://www.westernu.edu/security/parking-overview/>

All WesternU Students MUST purchase a WesternU parking permit to park a vehicle in WesternU designated parking lots, the university parking structure and designated street parking.

- » Permits are required in all WesternU Parking Lots.
- » You can purchase a Daily pass for \$3.50 at the Campus Store, Health Professions Center, 1st Floor, Monday-Friday, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.
- » You can purchase a one day City Parking permit \$2.00 to park in Lot #12.
- » Motorcycles must park in designated motorcycle parking locations. Permits are required in both Staff and Student lots.
- » Persons with disabled placards may park in any WesternU lot with a valid WesternU parking permit.
- » There are reserved parking spots (with signage). Only the designated person may park there. These spaces are located in employee lots and the University Parking Structure.
- » Invalid permits are subject to ticket or tow by the city. Blank parking permits will not be provided to anyone.
- » Parking regulations are enforced 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- » No overnight parking.
- » Evening and Weekend Parking: You may park in the University parking structure, student lot #27 and employee lot #'s 19, 21, and 24 in the evenings and weekends. The remaining lots are pay parking in the evenings (7:00 p.m. +) and on the weekends. You are free to park in any space, except "Reserved" marked spaces. This may change to limited parking hours in the near future.

If your pass is lost or stolen, you must repurchase a WesternU parking pass. Parking fees are non-refundable and placard/stickers will not be replaced if lost or stolen.

Housing

<https://www.westernu.edu/students-or/students-housing-moving-or/>

All of our on-campus students live in the surrounding communities many of which are within walking and biking distances. Some students choose to live within a 10 to 30-minute driving radius. The University Student Affairs office provides as many resources as possible to assist students in finding housing. This includes online housing and profiles of available rentals and roommate referral service for students wishing to share housing. Upon acceptance to WesternU, you will be able to access these online services through the U portal. It is the student's responsibility to secure his or her own housing. For the Lebanon area, a list of local apartment complexes is available to view at local apartment complexes. It is recommended that you secure housing at least two weeks before the first day of orientation.

Student Government Association, Community Service & Clubs

<https://www.westernu.edu/students/clubs>

WesternU has a very active Student Government Association (SGA) on campus that serves as the voice of our students. In addition, we have over 160 different clubs between the Lebanon and Pomona campuses comprising of such diverse groups that include, but are limited to, nationally affiliated professional organizations, cultural/religious groups, and interest-based groups. Our clubs and classes take part in a variety of community service events each year including offering free health screenings at numerous health fairs, youth mentoring, senior center activities, and community nutrition education.

Every year in August, we host a Club Day where you have an opportunity to visit various club booths to discuss their mission and join as a member.

In addition, if you are interested in journalism, we encourage you to get involved in the publication of the WesternU Humanism Magazine. The magazine is written and edited by students under the direction of faculty advisors.

The Office of Humanism, Equity, and Anti-Racism (HEAR)

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Daumier Building

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<https://www.westernu.edu/hear/>

Leads University-wide initiatives and actions to actualize WesternU's commitment to Humanism. Provides diversity, equity, inclusion, anti-racist education, training, professional development; offers a range of services for WesternU students, faculty, staff, administrators, and various communities. Responsible for University-wide cultural programming, advocacy, and support for diversity, equity and inclusion. Works collaboratively with multiple stakeholders and leaders from all the colleges, administrative and support departments on the Pomona and Lebanon campuses to make WesternU an inclusive community where people of all identities and backgrounds belong and thrive.

Need Help?

The following links will assist you as you prepare to register for classes.

Acceptance Deposit	admissions@westernu.edu
Award Letters and Check Disbursements	finaid@westernu.edu
Counseling: Employee Assistance Program (EAP)	www.westernu.edu/students/students-services-counseling
Documents Status	admissions@westernu.edu
Financial Aid	finaid@westernu.edu
Harris Family Ctr. For Disability & Health Policy	www.westernu.edu/cdhp/
Health Insurance	www.westernu.edu/students/students-services-insurance
Housing	
Laptop Set-up	helpdesk@westernu.edu
Learning Enhancement and Academic Development	www.westernu.edu/lead/
Orientation/Welcome Week: Event Information	mmckay@westernu.edu
Orientation Week: Excused Activity Absence Request	mmckay@westernu.edu
Registration	registrar@westernu.edu
Status Page Password Instructions and Issues	admissions@westernu.edu
Student Lead Ambassadors	leadambassador@westernu.edu
WesternU Email Access Issues	helpdesk@westernu.edu

ADMISSIONS OFFICE:

For all questions regarding applications

Daniell Mendoza
Associate Director of Admissions
(909) 469-5541
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(works with last names T-Z)
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FOR SPECIFIC QUESTIONS RELATING TO CGN PROGRAM CURRICULUM:

Mitzi McKay
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WesternU's more than 21,000 alumni generate a combined annual economic impact of nearly \$5.7 billion throughout the United States and support nearly 134,000 jobs.

Important Dates to Remember

OCT 1 FAFSA

If you intend to request financial aid, you should plan to file your FAFSA after October 1. Our school code is 024827. The school code is the same for the Pomona and Lebanon campus.

OCT 1 WICHE

If you are a legal resident of Alaska, Arizona, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming, you may be eligible for a scholarship. Contact your state WICHE Office.

JULY 1 ONLINE REGISTRATION

Registration information and instructions will be emailed by late June, and you may register online at your convenience between July 1 and July 31. Registration must be completed by July 31.

NEW STUDENT ACTIVITIES

AUGUST 6 - AUGUST 9 **New Student Orientation:** Attendance is mandatory.

AUGUST 9 **White Coat Ceremony:** Attendance is mandatory.

AUGUST 18 **First Day of Class:** Attendance is mandatory.

NOTE: Attendance at all Orientation, Convocation, White Coat, and First Day of Class activities is mandatory. An excused absence can only be obtained from the CGN Dean or their designee. Failure to participate in new student activities may result in the rescindment of your offer of acceptance.