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Dear Potential Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the UCLA School of Nursing. The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) curriculum is arranged to offer the student a choice in advanced practice roles. We offer the clinical nurse specialist or nurse practitioner role available in various specialties. Our master's curricula are focused on the preparation of nurses to work in culturally diverse communities and manage various patient populations.

The UCLA program is among the top nursing programs in the country. We believe we have much to offer you as a potential nursing student. In our program you will develop a strong theoretical base upon which to build your clinical, research, and leadership skills. Resources available to students enrolled in the School of Nursing include a computer laboratory with 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 right next door in the Center for Health Sciences. Opportunities exist to collaborate with researchers and clinical experts in many departments. Our graduate students participate in clinical practice at numerous locations within the Southern California area as well as at the new Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, Mattel Children's Hospital and the Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital at UCLA where they are exposed to a wide variety of interesting and often unique clinical cases.

We accept applications for the Fall Quarter only and the deadline to apply for Fall 2021 is **December 1, 2020**. The Admissions application will be available in September at www.grad.ucla.edu.

For more information we encourage you to visit our website at <http://nursing.ucla.edu>. If you have questions on the admission process, you may contact Mark Covin 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

Mark Covin
Director of Recruitment, Outreach & Admissions
UCLA School of Nursing

MSN/APRN 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**.

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

1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Please respond to the following. Your statement can be up to 500 words in length (approximately 1-page, single spaced, using 1-inch margins and 12-point font). You do not need to answer every question; focus on the elements that you feel are most relevant to your candidacy.

- What is your purpose in applying for graduate study in your specified degree program? Describe your area(s) of interest, including any subfield(s) or interdisciplinary interests.
- What experiences have prepared you for advanced study or research in this degree program? What relevant skills have you gained from these experiences? Have your experiences led to specific or tangible outcomes that would support your potential to contribute to this field (examples: performances, publications, presentations, awards or recognitions)?
- What additional information about your past experience may aid the selection committee in evaluating your preparation and aptitude for graduate study at UCLA?
- Why is the UCLA graduate program to which you are applying is the best place for you to pursue your academic goals? If you are applying for a research master's or doctoral program, we encourage you to indicate specific research interests and potential faculty mentors.
- What are your plans for your career after earning this degree?

2. PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please respond to one or more of the following prompts. Your statement can be up to 500 words in length (approximately 1-page, single spaced, using 1-inch margins and 12-point font). To be considered for a Cota-Robles or Graduate Opportunity fellowship, be sure to describe your contributions to diversity. The [University of California Diversity Statement](#) can be found online.

- Are there educational, personal, cultural, economic, or social experiences, not described in your Statement of Purpose, that have shaped your academic journey? If so, how? Have any of these experiences provided unique perspective(s) that you would contribute to your program, field or profession?
- Describe challenge(s) or barriers that you have faced in your pursuit of higher education. What motivated you to persist, and how did you overcome them? What is the evidence of your persistence, progress or success?
- How have your life experiences and educational background informed your understanding of the barriers facing groups that are underrepresented in higher education?
- How have you been actively engaged (e.g., through participation, employment, service, teaching or other activities) in programs or activities focused on increasing participation by groups that have been historically underrepresented in higher education?
- How do you intend to engage in scholarly discourse, research, teaching, creative efforts, and/or community engagement during your graduate program that have the potential to advance diversity and equal opportunity in higher education?
- How do you see yourself contributing to diversity in your profession after you earn your advanced degree at UCLA?

3. RESUME/CV

Please upload your Resume or CV to the online application.

4. **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.

5. **TRANSCRIPTS**

You are required to upload unofficial transcripts into the application. If admitted, you will need to send **one official** transcript from the school at which you completed your Bachelor's degree(s). We also require **one official** transcript from other schools at which you completed prerequisite classes.

You will send official transcripts to the following address:

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

Materials listed on the application that are NOT required for School of Nursing Applicants:

- GRE scores
- Writing Sample

Questions?

Processing of Applications:

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We applaud your interest to begin the next phase of your next journey within Nursing, one of the most rewarding professions in the world!

All applications are reviewed through the same process. Your application is how the Admissions Committee and faculty see all that you have to offer. Since there are no personal interviews, your application is critical to introducing the Admissions Committee to who you are as a person and the strengths you would bring to the UCLA School of Nursing. Remember, admission is extremely competitive.

So YOU hold the key to the strength of your application. Here are the components of the UCLA Advance Practice application and some tips we want to give you. While no one area of the application will assure your admission, we hope that the following tips help you present yourself to the admissions committee in the best possible way.

- **Grade Point Average**
- **Statement of Purpose**
- **Resume**
- **Letters of Recommendation**

Please note that our process takes a more “holistic” approach – we look at the “big picture” and no one item of the application is the only thing considered.

Disclaimer

The pool of applicants is extremely competitive. While we do our best to provide information, our guidance is simply advice and will not guarantee admission.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

You will provide an official transcript as part of your School of Nursing Supplemental Application. Some points are assigned to your GPA. But GPA is NOT the whole picture.

- DO NOT duplicate information about your GPA in your “statement of purpose” – reviewers can see your transcript.
- If your grades have been less than stellar, but you improved them in later courses, address what you did to improve in your “statement of purpose”
- GPA is NOT the only area or item reviewers weigh – so just because you do not have a 4.0 does not mean you will not be considered, just as a 4.0 GPA (or higher) does not guarantee admission.

Statement of Purpose

The “Statement of Purpose” is your opportunity to shine and should be PERSONAL to YOU. It is your opportunity to share with reviewers important information that might not be in your GPA, Resume or Letters of Recommendation. Remember, this is the ONLY opportunity to share why YOU deserve to be one of the few students admitted. You have to set your application apart from all the other applications.

Please read the instructions carefully and address all items: if you write more about yourself, you give the reviewer more opportunity to consider other factors that they would not otherwise know. Here are a few things that reviewers look for:

- ✓ Your self-assessment of potential for graduate study and advanced practice specialization (be sure to be specific about the area of specialization you aim to pursue)
- ✓ Clearly stated goals demonstrating an understanding of the advanced practice role
- ✓ Clinical experience as a Registered Nurse
- ✓ Multicultural experiences, diversity (should include examples)
- ✓ Bilingual ability (describe your level and how you achieved this)
- ✓ Examples of responding to challenges or adversity (e.g. being the first generation in your family to attend college, overcoming specific hardships, etc.)
- ✓ Accomplishments – make sure they are also in your resume
- ✓ Leadership activities and qualities (provide specific details of when, where and how long)
- ✓ Membership in Professional Organizations (any activities you have participated in)

Common mistakes to avoid:

- Clichés.
- Giving lists of qualities you possess, trying to convince the reviewer you know what is associated with being an advanced practice nurse.
- Saying how smart you are.
- Making it too general (as if it could be written by anyone. Make it specific ABOUT YOU and why YOU want to be a nurse)
- Going over the page limit or disregarding instructions (e.g., single spaced, small font, etc.)
- Forgetting to review your Statement for errors in spelling, grammar, etc. (Pay attention to spellcheck and grammar check). While it is NOT allowed to have someone else write your Statement (that is considered “academic dishonesty” at the University level), have someone read it – they may see things you do not.
- Being superficial
- Devoting too much space saying how great UCLA is and how much you have always wanted to attend.
- Not connecting your goals to the role of the advanced practice nurse in a specific area (e.g, a Clinical Nurse Specialist or Nurse Practitioner).

There are many resources on the internet to help guide you to put yourself in the best light. Here is a link you can review as you fashion YOUR distinct “statement of purpose”. While written by a liberal arts professor (Vince Gotera, University of Northern Iowa), the advice about writing graduate school statements in general is excellent:

<http://www.uni.edu/~gotera/gradapp/stmtpurpose.htm>

Resume/CV

This is vital and reviewers look to your resume for your accomplishments and experiences, so make sure it is complete and reflects your employment, clinical experience, leadership activities, community service, volunteer activities and other creative experiences. If you held a leadership position, provide specific details of when, where and how long you had a leadership role.

If you have listed volunteer activities, quantify how many hours you devoted to them per day or per week or per month, and note over what period of time (e.g., for 1 month, for 2 years, etc).

Letters of Recommendation

Three Letters of Recommendation are required for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Program and they are a crucial part of your application. Please follow the directions carefully regarding WHO should be writing a letter of recommendation for you:

- One letter from a current or recent supervisor in some capacity: a letter from a supervisor, charge nurse, or employer is MANDATORY
- One letter should be from someone in academia (i.e., Undergraduate instructor or Prerequisite instructor) that speaks to your academic preparedness for graduate study
- Limit to only one physician letter
- No letters from co-workers, family members, or friends

Tips:

- ✓ It may be helpful to share your Statement of Purpose with people who are writing Letters of Recommendation for you as well as talk with them about your goals.
- ✓ Make sure the person can be honest about their evaluation of you.

One last note...

While we wish we could admit every qualified candidate, as you are probably aware, admissions to Nursing programs are HIGHLY competitive. Each applicant pool is different and everything starts fresh each year.

ANY CHANGES IN YOUR APPLICATION OR ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION, MUST BE SUBMITTED BY JANUARY 15TH.

Wishing you success!

UCLA Registrar's Office Annual Academic Calendar 2021-22

FALL QUARTER 2021	
Quarter begins	Monday, September 20
Instruction begins	Thursday, September 23
Study List deadline (becomes official)	Friday, October 8
Veterans Day holiday	Thursday, November 11
Thanksgiving holiday	Thursday-Friday, November 25-26
Instruction ends	Friday, December 3
Common final exams	Saturday-Sunday, December 4-5
Final examinations	Monday-Friday, December 6-10
Quarter ends	Friday, December 10
Christmas holiday	Thursday-Friday, December 23-24
New Year's holiday	Thursday-Friday, December 30-31
Winter campus closure	TBD
WINTER QUARTER 2022	
Quarter begins	Monday, January 3
Instruction begins	Monday, January 3
Study List deadline (becomes official)	Friday, January 14
Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday	Monday, January 17
Presidents' Day holiday	Monday, February 21
Instruction ends	Friday, March 11
Common final exams	Saturday-Sunday, March 12-13
Final examinations	Monday-Friday, March 14-18
Quarter ends	Friday, March 18
SPRING QUARTER 2022	
Quarter begins	Wednesday, March 23
César Chávez holiday	Friday, March 25
Instruction begins	Monday, March 28
Study List deadline (becomes official)	Friday, April 8
Memorial Day holiday	Monday, May 30
Instruction ends	Friday, June 3
Common final exams	Saturday-Sunday, June 4-5
Final examinations	Monday-Friday, June 6-10
Quarter ends	Friday, June 10
Commencement Ceremonies 2022	Commencement website
SUMMER 2022	
Summer session begins	Monday, June 20
Independence Day holiday	Monday, July 4
Labor Day holiday	Monday, September 5
Summer session ends	Friday, September 9

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Financial Aid- APRN Important Dates

December 1, 2020

Submit 2021-2022 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, 2021

Submit FAFSA(Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for 2021-2022

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

May 30, 2021

School of Nursing scholarship applications will be emailed to admitted students who have indicated intent to register.

Always keep your contact information (address, phone, email) up-to-date to ensure receipt of communication from the Student Affairs Office.

2020 -2021 NURSING BUDGETS

OFF-CAMPUS

	PHD-Grad	MSN-Grad
Budget Code		
University Fees	\$ 12,953	\$ 25,139
Room & Board	\$ 20,691	\$ 20,691
Books & Supplies	\$ 1,902	\$ 1,902
Transportation	\$ 1,866	\$ 1,866
Personal	\$ 2,190	\$ 2,190
Health Insurance	\$ 4,458	\$ 4,458
Loan Fees	\$ 878	\$ 878
Continuing Student Total	\$ 44,938	\$ 57,124
Document Fee	\$ 100	\$ 80
Entering Student Total	\$ 45,038	\$ 57,204

COMMUTER

	PHD-Grad	MSN-Grad
Budget Code		
University Fees	\$ 12,953	\$ 25,139
Room & Board	\$ 10,359	\$ 10,359
Books & Supplies	\$ 1,902	\$ 1,902
Transportation	\$ 2,040	\$ 2,040
Personal	\$ 2,025	\$ 2,025
Health Insurance	\$ 4,458	\$ 4,458
Loan Fees	\$ 878	\$ 878
Continuing Student Total	\$ 34,615	\$ 46,801
Document Fee	\$ 100	\$ 80
Entering Student Total	\$ 34,715	\$ 46,881
Non-Resident: Add	\$ 15,102	\$ 12,245

Note: Tuition is subject to change

Disclaimer: Tuition will not be reduced in the event classes go on line.

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Disclaimer

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AND PROVIDE ADVICE, OUR
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