UCLA SCHOOL OF NURSING
FALL 2021
MSN-APRN
Admissions Information Session
WELCOME REMARKS

By: Mark Covin

Director of Recruitment, Outreach, & Admissions

► **Purpose:** Share with all of you specific information regarding our post-licensure programs

► **MSN** is the acronym that is used

► **MSN = Advanced Practice (APRN)**
TODAY’S AGENDA

2:00 - 2:15  Introduction & Overview of APRN Curriculum  
by Mark Covin, Dir. of Recruitment, Outreach & Admissions

2:15 - 2:30  Specialty Description with Faculty

2:30 - 2:50  Faculty Specialty Q & A

2:50 - 3:20  MSN/APRN Admissions  
by Jeimy Gama

3:20 - 3:40  Graduate Financial Aid  
by Craig Kusunoki

3:40 - 4:00  Questions & Closing Remarks  
by Mark Covin
Why UCLA???

► Small community within a big city
► UCLA School of Nursing is ranked among the Top Nursing Schools in the country by US News and World Report.
► Programs are specialty oriented.
► Graduates with MSN can sit for national certification examinations.
► Outstanding clinical partnership throughout the L.A. area, depending on where you live.
OUTLINE OF THE PROGRAM

► All specialties are full-time
► No online options available
► Specific days for classes in the SON
► Advanced Practice = Theory classes are Tues/Wed 1\textsuperscript{st} year, Clinical varies
► Time commitment for students studying at UCLA:
  ► For each unit taken, 3 hours of work can be expected (in and out of the classroom).
  ► Therefore, 14 units = 42 hours of time devoted to studies in and outside the classroom.
Typical APRN Student

- Average Age between 24 – 50+ years of age
- Gender 84 Females and 9 Males
- Years of Clinical Experience:
  - 0 - 1 years = 1
  - 1 – 2 years = 7
  - 2 – 4 years = 33
  - 5 or more = 52
Specialties

► Adult/Gero Acute Care CNS/NP  = 40 Total
► Adult/Gerontology Primary  (30 Total)
  ► Adult/Gerontology NP  = 20 students
  ► Adult/Gero Occupational Health NP  = 10 students
► Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Primary Care  = 22 students
► Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Dual Primary Care/Acute Care
► Pediatric Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist – Dual Acute Care/CNS
► Pediatrics Clinical Nurse Specialist
► Family NP  = 40 students
Dual Certification

- Combined CNS and NP program
- 1000+ hours
- CNS = 500 separate hours
- Adult/Gero Acute Care CNS/NP
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Dual Primary Care/Acute Care
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist – Dual Acute Care/CNS
- CNS clinical hours will be between 1st & 2nd year in the summer = 510 hours
FREQUENT Q & A

► Minimum GPA is 3.0
► How much can I work?
► How often do I come to UCLA?
► What days are NP clinical rotations offered?
► Is the program BRN and CCNE approved?
► Can you sit for national certification?
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Adult Gero Primary – Young Kee Markham
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Adult Gero Primary & Occupational Environmental Health NP – Dr. Jian Li
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Adult Gero Acute Care - Pediatrics – Dr. Nancy Pike
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Family Nurse Practitioner – Dr. Elizabeth Thomas
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APPLICATION PROCESS

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS:

https://grad.ucla.edu/
Plans for Graduate Study

Application Type:
- New
- Readmission
- Renewal

Major/Program:
- Nursing MSN APRN
Nursing Specializations

MSN – Advance Practice - Adult/Geron. Acute Care Nurse NP
MSN – Advance Practice - Adult/Geron. Acute Care CNS
MSN – Advance Practice - Adult/Geron. Acute Care CNS and NP

MSN – Advance Practice - Adult/Geron. Primary NP
MSN – Advance Practice - Adult/Geron. Primary Occ. And Env. Health NP

MSN – Advance Practice – Family Nurse Practitioner

MSN – Advance Practice – Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care
MSN – Advance Practice – Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Dual Primary Care/Acute Care
MSN – Advance Practice – Pediatric Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist – Dual Acute Care/CNS
MSN – Advance Practice – Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist
Academic History & Transcripts

► Chronological order of higher education (only four year institutions).

► Upload Unofficial transcript(s) from degree program as well as institutions where you completed prerequisite coursework.

► **If admitted:** Need to submit one official transcript with your degree posted, plus one official transcript from each institution where you completed prerequisites.

► **Official Transcripts must be sealed**
  ► Can be sent directly to Student Affairs from the college/university.
Statement of Purpose
► Self-assessment of potential for graduate study and advance practice specialization.

► Reason for selecting UCLA

► Clearly state goals demonstrating an understanding of the advanced practice role.

► Clinical experience as a Registered Nurse

► Leadership activities and qualities (will help if you indicate the duration of time)

► Include any multicultural & diversity experiences.

► Examples of responding to challenges or adversity (i.e. Economic, social disadvantaged and/or first generation)

► Bilingual ability (describe your level)

► Statement can be up to 500 words (approx. 1 page, single spaced)
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.

Needs to be 1 typewritten page, single spaced. 12 inch – 12 pt font
Resume/CV

- Highlights of education including honors received, work experience, volunteer work, professional organizations or associations
- List in chronological order
- This is vital and reviewers look to your resume for accomplishments and experiences, so make sure it is complete and reflects your leadership, employment, community service, volunteer and other creative experiences.
Letter of Recommendation
(Total of 3)

- 3 References
- Current employer is mandatory
- Need at least one nursing supervisor, limited to only one physician, no co-workers
- No family or personal friends will be accepted
Supplemental Prerequisites
Nursing Specialization: MSN – APRN

► Prerequisites:
  ► Human Physiology -- within 5 years (2016 or more recent)
  ► Nursing Research at BS level
  ► Statistics or Biostatistics
  ► An APPROVED Physical Assessment within 3 years (2018 or more recent) - needs to be advanced & upper division)

► All Prerequisites need to have a “C” or better

► Approved list for the Post-licensure Prerequisites MSN/APRN can be found at http://www.nursing.ucla.edu

► Status as a licensed RN, at the time of application to the APRN Program, evidence of current licensure as RN in the state of California is mandatory. Must be submitted no later than January 15th.

► Students are required to have basic computer skills prior to admissions.
International Applicants

- TOEFL – Test of English as a Foreign Language (at least 87)
- IELTS Academic – www.ielts.org (7 or higher)
- Graduated from a foreign university where primary language was not English
- www.toefl.org
- Institution code = 4837
- Intended Graduate Major code = 0610
- International applicants who are not licensed as registered nurses in the U.S. must achieve a passing score on both English and Nursing sections of the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) examination.
LAST ...

..... BUT NOT LEAST
Submit your application by Tuesday, Dec 1st 2020

Submit accompanying documentations by Friday, Jan 15th 2021
QUESTIONS ???
Processing Applications

Meet your A-Team:

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School of Nursing Disclaimer

THE POOL OF APPLICANTS IS EXTREMELY COMPETITIVE.

WHILE WE CAN DO OUR BEST TO PROVIDE ADVICE, OUR GUIDANCE IS SIMPLY ADVICE AND WILL NOT GUARANTEE ADMISSION.
Financial Aid

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► How am I going to pay for all of this???
► Currently as of today in-state fees
► Total of about $25,823/year for fees
► Pay one fee for the quarter not unit based, approximately per quarter = $8,607.67
► Total projected budget = $57,808
Deadlines are Critical

- December 1, 2020 – Fellowship Application Deadline
- March 2, 2021 = Free Application for Federal Student Aid called FAFSA, [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Title IV code is 001315
- May 30, 2021 – Scholarship deadline in the School of Nursing
Financial Aid in the SON

► Graduate Division deadline is December 1, 2020. Graduate Division at www.grad.ucla.edu

► Direct Unsubsidized Loans and Grad Plus Loans

► Scholarship Money – based on both merit and need
Summary

WE HOPE THIS PROVIDES YOU WITH THE INFORMATION YOU NEED TO COMPLETE A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION

GOOD LUCK AND GO BRUINS!