UCLA SCHOOL OF NURSING
FALL 2021
PhD Program
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 program

PhD is the acronym that is used

PhD = Doctor of Philosophy
- Welcome
  by Mark Covin, Director of Recruitment, Outreach & Admissions
1:00-1:05

- Introduction to the School (Mission Statement, Focus & Philosophy of the Doctoral Program)
  by Dr. Wendie Robbins, Professor & Director of PhD Program
1:05-1:20

- Admission & Application Process
  by Mark Covin, Student Recruitment & Admissions Coordinator
1:25-1:45

- Financial Aid
  by Craig Kusunoki, Director of Financial Aid
1:45-2:00

- International Research & Scholarly Activities
  by Dr. Janet Mentes, Associate Professor
2:00-2:15

- Faculty Research and Clinical Expertise Panel
2:15-2:50

- Doctoral Student Panel
2:50-3:30
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.
► Top 10 nursing school in NIH Funding
► Research rich environment
► UCLA resources as a graduate student
Introduction to the School
(Mission Statement, Goals of the Doctoral Program & Focus of the PhD Program)

Wendie Robbins, PhD, RN, FAAN, FAAOHN
Professor
PhD Program Director
School of Nursing Mission

The UCLA School of Nursing prepares nurses and scholars to lead and transform nursing care in a rapidly changing, diverse and complex healthcare environment through academic excellence, innovative research, superior clinical practice, strong community partnerships, and global initiatives.
PhD Program Mission and Goals

- Graduate emerging scholars in Nursing Science who:
  - Design, conduct, and evaluate original research
  - Generate and/or test theory
  - Collaborate with research participants, clinicians, and researchers from multiple disciplines
  - Influence and contribute to the design of healthcare policy
  - Provide leadership within the nursing profession and in healthcare with cultural competence and attention to ethical decision making
  - Mentor educators and researchers
OVERVIEW of the CURRICULUM

Nurse Scientist Generates New Knowledge Through Research

1. Formulate the Research Question
2. Theoretical Framework: Conceptualize Relationships between Variables of Interest
3. Scientific Inquiry
   - Methodology Guides Research Design Including Data Collection & Analysis
   - Interpret & Discuss Findings in the Context of Literature to Generate New Knowledge (including new theory)
   - Disseminate Results To Influence Evidenced Based Practice & Health Policy to Further Develop New Knowledge
4. Data Collection Method
   - Is Determined By the Research Question:
     - Quantitative or Qualitative
5. Consider Ethical Issues

Philosophical Assumptions about knowledge, being, truth, & science influence how a phenomenon “shows up” to a Nurse Scientist as a potentially researchable problem.
# BASIC CORE of CLASSROOM COURSES

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Complete and pass above courses = Take Written Qualifying Exam

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## SPECIALIZED COURSES DISSERTATION METHODS

### Quantitative Methods

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### Choose Dissertation Chair and form dissertation committee

### Develop research proposal = Take and Pass Oral Qualifying Exam

### Begin dissertation research
PhD Program

- Small classes
- Course days/times [https://sa.ucla.edu/ro/public/soc](https://sa.ucla.edu/ro/public/soc)
- 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.

- Program is full-time: Working full-time while in the program full-time is not recommended
APPLICATION PROCESS

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS:

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

Application Type:
- New
- Readmission
- Renewal

Major/Program:
- Nursing PhD
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
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.

Each response should be 250-300 words, citations are not necessary. Please cut and paste a typed, well-organized essay into the online Graduate Division application describing:

1) Reasons for graduate study
2) Describe your reasons for wanting to enter the PhD program in Nursing
3) Include information about your background, training, and experience, which you believe is relevant to your qualifications for doctoral study.
4) 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.

5) Briefly describe a problem in nursing science on which you would like to focus your research.

6) Why did you select the PhD program at UCLA? What contribution do you expect to make to the nursing profession after earning the degree?
7) 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.

8) 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.
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.

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)

- Professionals who have a supervisory, educational or mentoring relationship
- No family or personal friends will be accepted
Supplemental Prerequisites

Nursing Specialization: MSN – APRN

► Prerequisites:
  ► Biostatistics - content equivalent to Biostatistics 100A or Biomathematics 170A (equivalent of 4 quarter units). This course must have been completed within the last three years.
  ► Nursing Research - Graduate Level, MSN, PhD Applicants with a MSN only. BS applicants must have completed an undergraduate level research course.

► All Prerequisites need to have a “C” or better
► Approved list for PhD prerequisites can be found at http://www.nursing.ucla.edu
► GRE required
► Status as a licensed RN, evidence of current licensure as RN in the state of California or in your home country.
► 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 – [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org) (7 or higher)
- Graduated from a foreign university where primary language was not English
- [www.toefl.org](http://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](http://www.cgfns.org)) examination.
PhD Application: 2nd Round is an Interview

- Highly scored applicants will be invited for an interview
  - Those selected for the second round will be called for an interview. ZOOM will be used for all PhD applicants who are offered interviews
  - Approximately 30 minutes in length
  - Focus will be your application and discussion of your plan for doctoral studies here at the UCLA School of Nursing
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
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:

Mark Covin – mcovin@sonnet.ucla.edu

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Please send transcripts:

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2-150 Factor Building
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Los Angeles, CA 90095-1702
How am I going to pay for all of this???

Currently as of today in-state fees

Total of about $13,208/year for fees

Pay one fee for the quarter not unit based, approximately per quarter = $4,343

Total projected budget = $45,113
Deadlines are Critical

- December 1, 2020 – Fellowship Application Deadline
- March 2, 2021 = Free Application for Federal Student Aid called FAFSA, 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

Tuesday, Dec 1st 2020
Financial Aid in the SON

- Support opportunities = TA, Graduate Research Assistance, Fellowship Funds
- If a Teaching Assistant (TA), SON committed to funding each full-time doctoral student in the amount of $28,605 per year
- Cota Robles Fellowship = $42,486 (4 years)
Faculty Research and Clinical Expertise Panel

- Wendie Robbins, PhD, RN, FAAN, FAAOHN - wrobbins@sonnet.ucla.edu
- Holli DeVon, Ph.D., RN, FAHA, FAAN - hdevon@sonnet.ucla.edu
- Lauren Clark, PhD, RN, FAAN - lclark@sonnet.ucla.edu
- Jian Li, MD, PhD - jianli2019@ucla.edu
Doctoral Student Panel

- Lauren Rountree (2\textsuperscript{nd} year) - lmrountree@g.ucla.edu
- Kirsten Buen (2\textsuperscript{nd} year) - kirsten.buen@gmail.com
- Paul Boy (1\textsuperscript{st} year) - pboy@mednet.ucla.edu
- Virgin Watters (2\textsuperscript{nd} year) - wattersv22@gmail.com
Really think about why you want to be in this program at UCLA
What do you want to be known for as “Dr”
Educational Objectives are weighted heavily
Select references that support you as a potential student
Summary

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

GOOD LUCK AND GO BRUINS!