



UCLA SCHOOL OF NURSING
FALL 2022

MSN-MECN

Admissions Information Session



WELCOME REMARKS

By: Mark Covin

**Director of Recruitment,
Outreach, & Admissions**

- ▶ **Purpose:** Share specific information regarding the Pre-licensure Master's Entry Clinical Nursing program
- ▶ MECN is the acronym that is used
- ▶ This is first and foremost, a fast-paced full time MASTERS (MSN) program that will allow students to sit for the Registered Nurse licensing exam upon completion
- ▶ Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) focused

TODAY'S AGENDA

- 2:00 - 2:45** **Introduction & Curriculum Overview of the MECN Curriculum**
by Mark Covin, Dir. of Recruitment, Outreach & Admissions
- 2:45 - 3:10** **How to Have a Successful Application**
by Jeimy Gama, Recruitment and Admissions Coordinator
- 3:10 - 3:30** **Financial Aid**
- 3:30 - 3:50** **Student Led Discussion**
- 3:50– 4:00** **Questions & Closing Remarks**
by Mark Covin

Simulation Lab

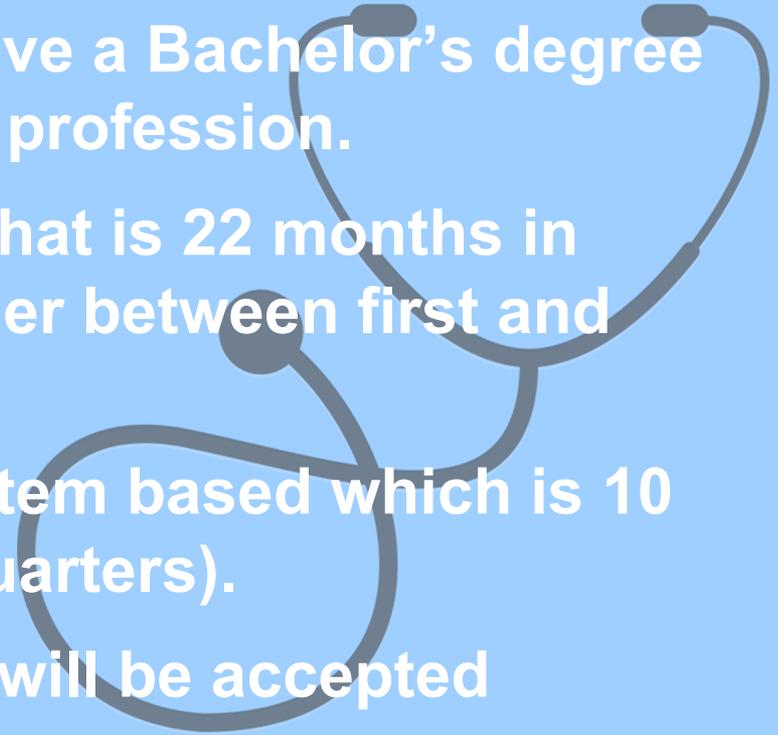
- ▶ Using real-life mannequins in the simulation lab that replicates a hospital setting, nursing students at UCLA are gaining great experience before they start working in a clinical environment seeing patients.

- ▶ <https://youtu.be/ac4qapf82VU>



MASTERS ENTRY CLINICAL NURSE

- ▶ Designed for students who have a Bachelor's degree who wish to enter the nursing profession.
- ▶ **Two-Year Full Time Program** that is 22 months in length and includes the summer between first and second year (full-time).
- ▶ UCLA classes are quarter system based which is 10 weeks (there are a total of 7 quarters).
- ▶ Total of 70 students per year will be accepted



Typical MECN Student

- ▶ Ages 23-50+
- ▶ Gender 62 Females and 8 Males
- ▶ Average GPA 3.47
- ▶ UC, CSU, Private – no one school has priority over another one.
- ▶ Variety of different work experiences and healthcare experiences.



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
- ▶ UCLA resources are available to you as an undergraduate student

WHAT ELSE TO THINK ABOUT?

- ▶ Admission Deadline = November 1, 2021
- ▶ Admission process will be discussed, especially the prerequisites
- ▶ There is a big difference between undergraduate and graduate work
- ▶ You have to be here the days that classes and clinical are scheduled



GOALS OF THE PROGRAM

- ▶ Educate and provide a new workforce of RNs
- ▶ Provide clinical leaders in health care settings, focus is on the CNL model
- ▶ Graduates will be prepared to deal with high acuity/high tech healthcare settings
- ▶ **Partnership with other affiliates:**



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FREQUENT

Q & A



- ▶ Minimum GPA is 3.0
- ▶ When will admission decisions be made?
- ▶ Is there a wait list for the program?
- ▶ Do you defer students to the next year?
- ▶ How often do you admit to the program?
- ▶ Is Graduate Student Housing available?
- ▶ What is the retention rate?
- ▶ How do the students do on NCLEX?

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW



CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

First Year:

Winter & Spring Quarters - Med/Surg

Summer Session - Mental Health/Gero

Second Year:

Fall Quarter – Ped Maternity

Winter Quarter – Immersion

Spring Quarter – Public Health

Sample Course Sequence

Year 1

Fall

N230A 3 Units
N250 5 Units
N174 4 Units
N254A 3T + 1C

Total: 16 Units

Winter

N252A 2 Units
N252B 2 Units
N225A 3 Units
N230B 2 Units
N254B 3T + 1C
N465A 3T + 1C

Total: 17 Units

Spring

N204 4 Units
N225B 2 Units
N260 4 Units
N465B 4T + 2C

Total: 16 Units

Summer

N268 4 Units
N461 3T + 2C
N465C 4T + 4C

Total: 17 Units

* T = Theory

* C = Clinical

Sample Course Sequence

Year 2

Fall

N269 4 Units
N462 3T + 2C
N464 3T + 2C
N463 2T + 1C

Winter

N467 12C

Spring

N267 3 Units
N597 2Units
N465C 3T+ 4C

Summer

Total: 17 Units **Total:** 12 Units **Total:** 11 Units

Please refer to <https://www.nursing.ucla.edu/sites/default/files/~%24CN%20F20%20Entry%20FINAL.pdf> for sample 2020 course sequence.

TIME COMMITMENT



- ▶ 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.

APPLICATION PROCESS



GRADUATE ADMISSIONS:

<https://grad.ucla.edu/>

Plans for Graduate Study



Application Type:

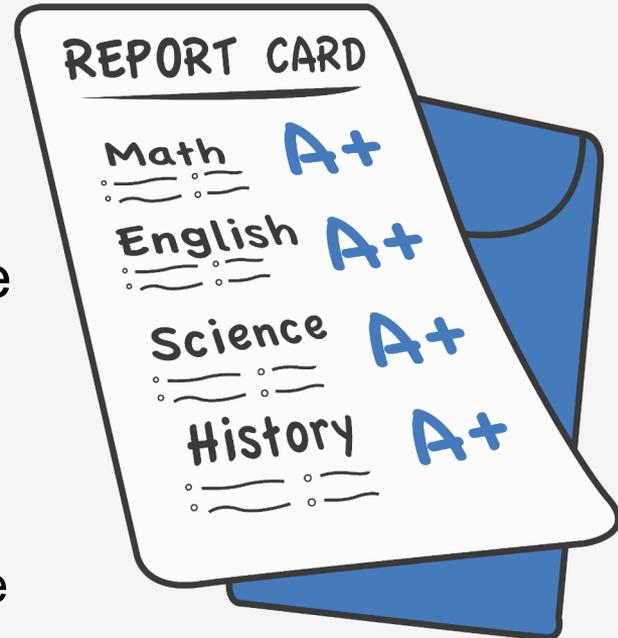
- ▶ New
- ▶ Readmission
- ▶ Renewal

Major/Program:

- ▶ Nursing MSN MECN

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



What We Look For in an Applicant

- ▶ Why do you want to be a Nurse?
- ▶ Reason for selecting UCLA
- ▶ Self assessment for success (at the University and in Nursing)
- ▶ Your goals for a nursing career
- ▶ Volunteer experience in healthcare setting or other relevant experiences (will help if you indicate the duration of time).
- ▶ 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 of Purpose

- ▶ The statement of purpose is an integral part of your application for graduate admission and consideration for merit-based financial support.
- ▶ It is used to understand your academic interests, and to evaluate your aptitude and preparation for graduate work, as well as your fit with the proposed program of study.
- ▶ 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. Please refer to application for SOP questions.

1. 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.
2. 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?
3. What additional information about your past experience may aid the selection committee in evaluating your preparation and aptitude for graduate study at UCLA?
4. 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.
5. What are your plans for your career after earning this degree?

Personal Statement

- ▶ This statement should not duplicate the Statement of Purpose.
- 1. Describe how your background, accomplishments, and life experiences led to your decision to pursue the graduate degree for which you are applying.
- 2. Include any educational, personal, cultural, economic, or social experiences, challenges or opportunities relevant to your academic journey.
- 3. Describe any aspects of your personal background, accomplishments, or achievements that will allow the department to evaluate your contributions.
- 4. 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

Letter of Recommendation

(Total of 3)

- ▶ Current employer/supervisor
- ▶ College professor/instructor
- ▶ Health related setting
(preferably a nurse)
- ▶ No family or personal friends

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.



Supplemental Prerequisites

Nursing Specialization: MSN – Masters Entry Clinical Nurse

▶ Prerequisites:

- ▶ Chemistry – Introduction to Inorganic, Organic, and Biochemistry
- ▶ Communication or Public Speaking
- ▶ Epidemiology (can be completed at UCLA)
- ▶ Human Anatomy
- ▶ Human Physiology -- within 5 years (2017 or more recent)
- ▶ Microbiology --- introduction
- ▶ Psychology -- introduction
- ▶ Statistics (within 5 years preferred)
- ▶ Written English -- need 2 courses

- ▶ All Prerequisites must be completed (other than Epidemiology) by the end of December 2021 for the Fall 2022 entry. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- ▶ If admitted, Epidemiology will be completed in the summer prior to Fall Quarter
- ▶ All Prerequisites need to have a “C” or better
- ▶ AP score of 4 or 5 is acceptable
- ▶ Approved list for the Pre-licensure Prerequisites MECN can be found at www.nursing.ucla.edu

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



LAST ...

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LEAST

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION BY



A calendar for November 2021. The days of the week are listed at the top: S, M, T, W, T, F, S. The dates are arranged in a grid. The number 1 is circled in blue, indicating the deadline date.

November 2021						
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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Monday, Nov 1st 2021

Submit Accompanying Documentations by



A calendar for January 2022. The days of the week are listed at the top: S, M, T, W, T, F, S. The dates are arranged in a grid. The number 15 is circled in blue, indicating the deadline date.

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30	31					

Saturday, Jan 15th 2022

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



- ▶ 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

Financial Aid Deadlines

- ▶ November 1, 2021 – Fellowship Application Deadline
- ▶ March 2, 2022 = Free Application for Federal Student Aid called FAFSA, www.fafsa.gov. Title IV code is 001315
- ▶ May 30, 2022 – Scholarship deadline in the School of Nursing



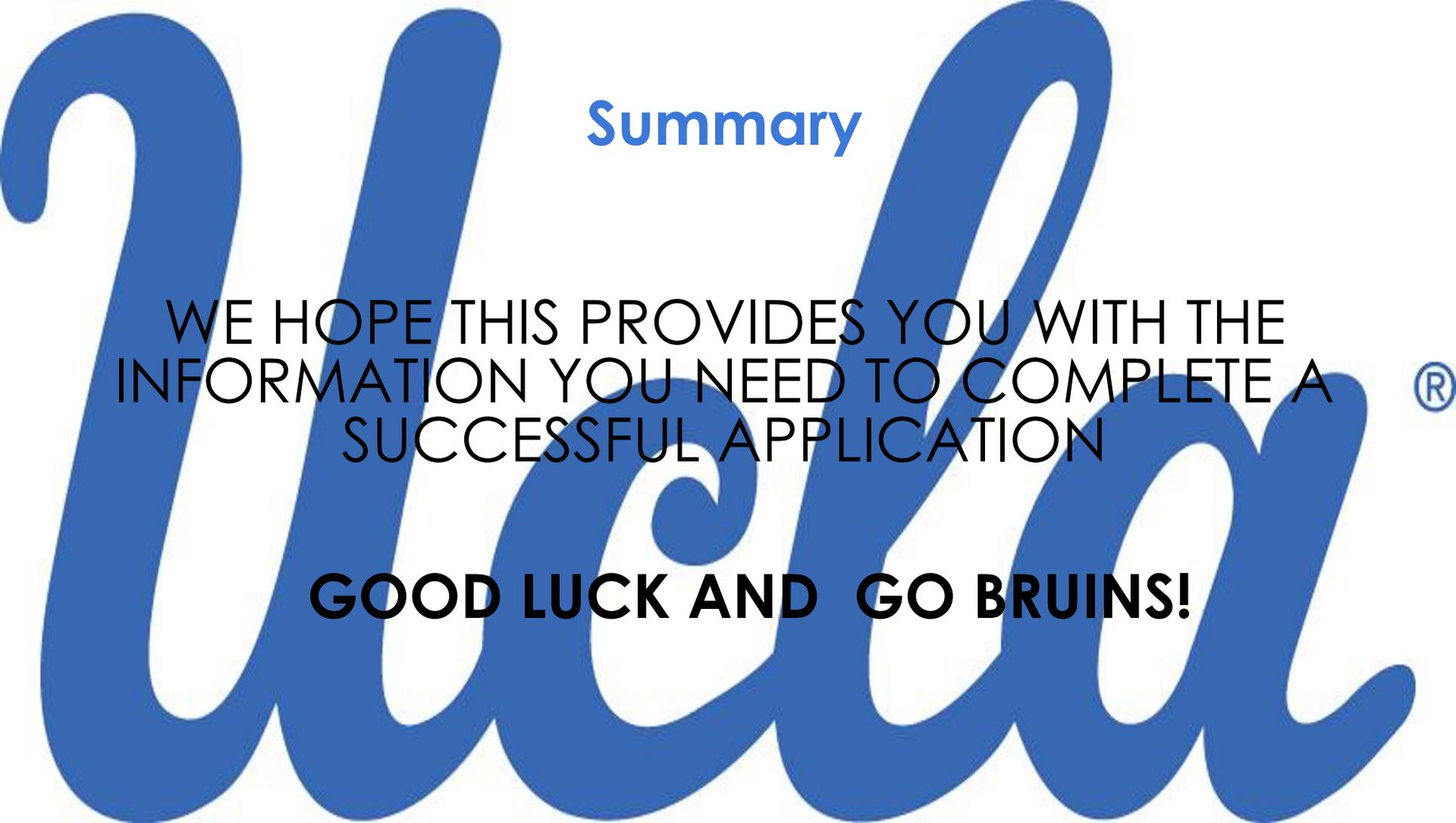
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- ▶ Graduate Division deadline is November 1, 2021. Graduate Division at www.grad.ucla.edu
- ▶ Direct Unsubsidized Loans and Grad Plus Loans
- ▶ Scholarship Money – based on both merit and need



Summary

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

GOOD LUCK AND GO BRUINS!

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