



COLLEGE OF GRADUATE NURSING

EARLY ACCEPTANCE OPPORTUNITY DAY ADMISSIONS GUIDEBOOK

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EARLY ACCEPTANCE OPPORTUNITY DAYS

WesternU's Early Acceptance Opportunity Days 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 Early Acceptance Opportunity Days *(subject to change)*

- January 23rd and 30th
- February 6th

ACCEPT STATUS INFORMATION

MSNE 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 MSNE 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 and drug screening.
- 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.

After you attend Early Acceptance Opportunity Day, you will be notified via email within two weeks to either offer you admission or request that you attend a formal interview. You may be invited to attend a formal interview if the faculty determines the need to better understand your interest in the nursing profession before deciding your admission outcome.

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

The below admission statuses of alternate and non-accept only apply to candidates that attend a formal interview.

2025 Interview Dates *(subject to change)*

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

ALTERNATE STATUS INFORMATION

- 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 STATUS

- 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 MSNE 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>.

WESTERN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES CATALOG

You may access the University Catalog via our web site. It is presented as a PDF file so you will need to download Acrobat Reader to access the catalog. The web address is <https://www.westernu.edu/registrar/registrar-about/university-catalog>.

To ease download times for viewing, we have broken up the catalog into major sections – mostly by academic program. There is a general university section (Overview) at the start and a listing of the Board of Trustees, Administration, and Faculty at the end. Also, with the advent of an online catalog, the information contained in the Student Handbook has been incorporated into the catalog. University Academic Policies and Procedures are contained as a section within each program component.

MSNE Curriculum

Year 1

First Year, 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
First Year, 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
First Year, Summer Semester		
Clinical Fee Assessed for Term?		Yes
Course	Title	Credit Hours
GN 6551	Nursing of Adults and Older Adults II	4.00
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

Second Year, 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 Pract.	3.00
Semester Total:		16.00
Second Year, 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
Second Year, 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.

Overview of WesternU Financial Aid Process

Welcome! The information below is to provide you with a quick overview of how financial aid is processed at Western University of Health Sciences. Please visit our website at <https://www.westernu.edu/financial/> which has 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

Step 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://fafsa.ed.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).

Step 2: Review Student Budget/Cost of Attendance

- Student Budgets/Cost of Attendance are subject to change and costs vary each year.
- See page 3 for details

Step 3: Requirements

- Once admitted to the University, an email from our office will be sent to your WesternU email address. 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 aid offer will be emailed to your WesternU email account.

Step 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 then awarded the unsubsidized loan and the balance in the Grad PLUS loan to meet the maximum of their budget. Students are awarded the maximum allowable in the Federal Direct Loan programs as per their program and the Department of Education.

- Outside scholarships are available! Please visit <https://www.westernu.edu/financial/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 for 2024/2025 Academic Year**
- Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan
 - 8.05% (T-bill + 3.60%)
- Federal Graduate PLUS Loan
 - 9.05% (T-bill + 4.60%)
 - The Federal Graduate PLUS loan requires a credit check. If your loan is declined, students 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 at <https://www.westernu.edu/financial/direct-loan-program-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 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.

Step 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.

Step 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.

Financial Aid Student Budgets are Subject to Change

- Information is updated annually at the end of March.
- Please visit <https://www.westernu.edu/financial/financial-budgets/> for details.

2024/2025

- **All budgets are estimated costs and subject to change.**
- **The budget is for the students and educational expenses during the period of enrollment only.**
- \$1,331.00 per credit hour – \$791.00 clinical fees

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 and Fees	65,508	56,363
Budget Components/Estimated Costs	First Year 12 months	Second Year 12 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

UNIVERSITY STUDENT AFFAIRS – SUPPORT SERVICES

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

(Fees listed are subject to change)

Learning Enhancement and Academic Development (LEAD) <http://www.westernu.edu/lead/leadabout/>

The LEAD office is student oriented. It serves as an important resource, partnership and support system for students. LEAD counselors are dedicated to assist students in developing their academic, professional and personal skills.

Tutorial Assistance Program (TAP)

This program offers supplemental group academic instruction for students. Instruction is facilitated by trained competent peer tutors.

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 writing skills and more. Each session is designed to address the student's particular learning style, with the help of basic assessments. Students can schedule as many sessions as needed.

Wellbeing

The initiative consists of Wellbeing workshops with topics that focus on student wellness, Wellbeing activities around exams, and other activities focused on enriching the humanistic side of the student experience.

Harris Family Center for Disability and Health Policy (CDHP)

The CDHP embraces the spirit of providing services to all students with permanent or temporary disabilities or medical conditions, ensuring that all University programs and activities are accessible. The CDHP understands your educational needs and is flexible in its accommodation. 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!

If you have a disability and/or medical condition, there are several support services available to you. To learn additional information about the services we offer or to start the interactive process, please view our webpage at www.westernu.edu/cdhp. Here you will find information on how to register for accommodations, required documentation, and other helpful information about our center.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact our office at (909) 469-5441 or disabilityaccommodations@westernu.edu.

Fitness – Pomona, CA Campus | <http://www.westernu.edu/students/students-services-fitness/>

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

1. LA Fitness or SamFit - You pay a discounted and subsidized rate (WesternU pays \$100 to the facility on your behalf) depending on your option for enrollment. The advertised rates are for the 2024-2025 academic year and may be subject to change in the future.
2. Reimbursement to any Non-LA Fitness/SamFit gym – You may be eligible for a reimbursement up to \$100 for an annual/pre-paid membership or a month-to-month membership (excluding LA Fitness/SamFit).

Note: Please keep in mind that gyms may experience forced closures during your active memberships due to the COVID19 pandemic. Many gyms, including LA Fitness, may not be offering refunds for closure dates but may compensate members in alternative methods.

Counseling

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

We are pleased to provide all full-time students access to an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for Students through OptumHealth. Under the EAP 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. An on-campus counselor is also available by appointment.

Identification Badges

Student identification badges must be always worn while on campus, and entry into buildings may be denied without proper ID.

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

As a full-time WesternU student, you must show that you have a current health insurance policy during registration EACH academic year. 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. There are many companies that can give you the coverage you need for your specific health concerns. Coverage requirements for all students seeking to waive out of the school sponsored insurance plan are as follows:

- Active coverage for the entire academic year, including summer and holidays
- Deductible of \$1,000 or less per policy year
- Plan provides coverage in the United States

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 a health plan through Aetna Student Health. 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

<http://www.westernu.edu/registrar/registrar-about/registration-information/student-health-insurance/> or call WesternU’s insurance broker, HSA Consulting by phone at (888) 978-8355 or by email at westernu@hsac.com.

Deductible	\$250
Co-Insurance	80% – Preferred Provider Organization (PPO), 60% – Non-PPO
Out of Pocket Maximum (Individual)	\$6,350 (PPO), \$10,000 (Non-PPO)
Out of Pocket Maximum (Family)	\$12,700 (PPO), \$20,000 (Non-PPO)
Office Visit	\$20 Copayment, 100% (PPO), 60% (Non-PPO)
Urgent Care Visit	\$20 Copayment, 100% (PPO), 60% (Non-PPO)
Emergency Room Visit	\$200 Copayment (Waived if Admitted)
Prescription Drugs	\$15/\$25/\$45

For additional information on the benefits offered under the student health insurance plan, please visit the Health Sciences Assurance Consulting (HSAC) website at <https://app.hsac.com/westernu>.

NOTE: There is a University owned medical center located on the WesternU Campus in Pomona, California and students are welcome to use this medical facility. (WesternU Health/Pomona, <https://www.westernuhealth.com/Pomona/>). 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 www.westernu.edu/campusmap/

Annual parking permits are \$470, and semester parking permits are \$235 allowing you to park in designated WesternU parking places. These permits may be purchased during online registration. You may instead choose to park in City Public Metered Parking in Lot 12. When you purchase between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. the fee for over 3 hours is \$3.50 per day. When you purchase after 7:00 p.m. the fee is \$1.00. The machine accepts coins, bills, Visa and MasterCard.

Housing <http://www.westernu.edu/students/students-housing-moving/>

The Daumier, owned and operated by Provident, is located directly across from the Health Education Center. Designed with the WesternU student in mind, these modern, luxury apartments offer you convenience and a long list of amenities. Additionally, the Office of University Student Affairs (USA) maintains a list of local apartment complexes at the link above, many of which are near campus, to aid in your search. USA also provides an online database of available rentals and a roommate referral service, and upon acceptance, you will be able to access both through the You Portal

Metrolink <https://metrolinktrains.com/>

If you are interested in using the Metrolink, which has a station just a few blocks from campus, be sure to secure housing east of campus. To access schedules and other information, please go online to www.metrolinktrains.com. Rates are determined by distance traveled (originating station to destination station). The rail line which runs parallel to WesternU is the Riverside Line which goes from Downtown Riverside to the Downtown Pomona station. There is also the San Bernardino Line which goes from San Bernardino to the Pomona North station. These are the closest stations to WesternU.

Student Government Association, Community Service & Clubs

<http://www.westernu.edu/students/students-government/>

<http://www.westernu.edu/students/students-clubs-1/westernu-clubs-1/>

WesternU has a very active Student Government Association (SGA) on campus that serves as the voice of students. In addition, we have over 150 different clubs between the Lebanon and Pomona campuses comprising of such diverse groups that include but are not 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, facilitating Santa's Workshop for over 300 foster care children, and assisting at/participating in events such as the Special Olympics and 5K runs to support cancer research. We also host two Club Days per year 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.

Diversity

We are proud of our diverse student body, and the many extracurricular activities offered on campus reflect that diversity. We offer a wide range of opportunities with campus organizations that include cultural, religious, medical, and fine arts clubs. The cultural diversity present on our campus provides students with an appreciation and respect for people of all backgrounds.

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 (^{HF}CDHP) at (909) 469-5297.

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 skill in basic word processing, Microsoft applications (Word, PowerPoint, and Excel), use of the Internet, e-mail, and on-line 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.

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 (^{HF}CDHP) 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 with 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 of 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTACTS

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Christy Ho, Director for University Student Affairs	(909) 469-5616	hoc@westernu.edu
<u>Health Insurance</u> Alana Garcia, Executive Assistant	(909) 469-5343	adgarcia@westernu.edu
<u>Fitness Memberships</u> Jessica Beckman, Asst. Director for Student Affairs	(909) 706-3517	jbeckman@westernu.edu
<u>Housing</u> Jessica Beckman, Asst. Director for University Student Affairs	(909) 706-3517	jbeckman@westernu.edu
COLLEGE OF GRADUATE NURSING STUDENT SERVICES		
<i>For specific questions relating to nursing curriculum</i>		
Mitzi McKay, Asst. Dean of Student Affairs	(909) 706-5525	mmckay@westernu.edu
LEARNING ENHANCEMENT/ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT (LEAD)		
Neil Patel, Director	(909) 706-3800	patelnm@westernu.edu
BURSAR'S OFFICE (Tuition payments, parking permits)		
	(909) 469-5403	bursarsoffice@westernu.edu
TECHINICAL SUPPORT		
	(909) 469-5432	techsupport@westernu.edu