



The College of Veterinary Medicine  
Welcomes the Future Class of 2026



**College of Veterinary Medicine  
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Program**

**Orientation Booklet and Admissions Guide**

## **The Interview Process**

Interviews at Western University of Health Sciences (WesternU) are meant to be an exchange of information in a warm and welcoming environment. An experience is to be both positive and enjoyable for the student applicants. Our interviews are never meant to be threatening nor confrontational in any way. The admissions committee has selected applicants because they exemplify those qualities that we feel are important in the 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” so that we are here for our students and for each other. This is what makes WesternU a special place to learn.

### **General Applicant Information**

- We receive over 900 applications and expect approximately 400 interviews to be scheduled to fill a class of 105 students.
- Interviews will be conducted in the late Fall and may run into early Spring.

### **Admissions Interview Day Recorded Videos**

We have organized the interview day to allow candidates to obtain information on our program and support services; therefore, we encourage you to watch the videos and **ASK QUESTIONS!**

### **Interview**

- The interview occurs in two simultaneous sessions, approximately 15 minutes in duration for each session.
- The interview panel may be comprised of two of the following: faculty member, a practicing DVM, administration, and/or alumni of WesternU

### **Admissions Committee Decisions**

- Following the interview, candidates will be placed in one of three categories: Accept, Alternate, or Not Accept.
- Candidates will learn of their status by e-mail of the college's decision. **Notification letters for all categories will be sent by email in the Spring.** If you have not received notification of your status by March, please feel free to contact the Admissions office.
- **Official transcripts, history & physical information, and titer results are required of all accepted students.**
- Candidates selected as alternates may receive an offer for a seat in the class as late as the first week of school in August.

### **Questions**

If you have questions regarding your application, please contact your Admissions Counselor by phone or e-mail (please refer to the Contacts page for contact information).

### **Evaluation Form**

You will receive an e-mail late in the day of interview day with a link to our interview day evaluation form. Please take a moment complete and submit it to the Admissions Office as soon as possible. Your feedback and comments are important to us, as we consider them when planning next year's interview day activities. The information that you report will remain confidential and will not be used in determining admission to the class.

## **IMPORTANT ACCEPT STATUS INFORMATION**

**ALL prerequisite course work in progress must be completed by the end of the **Spring 2022** semester or quarter or June 15, 2022 at the latest. Candidates who are completing their degree may complete non-prerequisite coursework in Summer 2022. Summer 2022 coursework must be completed by the end of July 2022 or the candidate's seat in the class will be rescinded. **Fall 2022 courses will not be accepted.****

If you have prerequisite course work in progress, and are accepted to WesternU's Veterinary Medicine program, your acceptance will be contingent upon successful completion of **ALL** prerequisite courses ("**C-**" or lower is unacceptable) by Spring 2022 (or June 15, 2022 at the latest) and satisfaction of all admissions requirements.

A current history and physical along with the results of a TB test or chest x-ray, both **within six months of matriculation**, and current Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and adult pertussis) will be required for registration. We will also need titer results for MMR, varicella (chicken pox), and the Hepatitis B series (or have first two shots completed in order to register). Rabies vaccination is also required of all Veterinary Medicine students (must have started series by first day of class).

We strongly recommend that you schedule an appointment for your physical examination as soon as you receive your offer of acceptance.

**All required documentation must be received by the deadline indicated below. Failure to complete the admissions requirements by the deadline will result in the delay of your financial aid and/or the rescindment of your acceptance.**

|  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| Acceptance Deposit & Acceptance Declaration Form   | April 15, 2022            |
| - Those admitted after July 15, 2020   | Within two weeks of offer |
| History, Physical & Immunization Documentation   | June 1, 2022              |
| Updated Official Transcripts <b>Fall &amp; Winter Coursework</b>                           | March 31, 2022            |
| Spring Course Work/Degree in Progress Documentation  | June 1, 2022              |
| Any Additional Requested Documentation   | June 1, 2022              |
| Non U.S. Residents/Proof of Legal U.S. Residency   | June 1, 2022              |
| (i.e., visa, green card) – <b><u>only if you are a non-resident and/or hold a visa</u></b> |                           |
| All Final Official Spring Transcripts  | June 30, 2022             |

Transcripts are to be sent electronically to the office of Admissions Operations at AO@westernu.edu. If transcripts are unable to be sent electronically, please have them mailed to:

Western University of Health Sciences  
Attn: CVM Admissions/AO  
309 E. Second Street  
Pomona, CA 91766-1854

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

### **ACCEPTANCE DEPOSIT**

For DVM candidates accepted to Western University of Health Sciences, the acceptance deposit is \$500, payable to Western University of Health Sciences and is due by the date indicated in the acceptance letter. **This deposit is non-refundable.** Upon matriculation, the university will apply the \$500 deposit toward the student's account.

## **ALTERNATE STATUS INFORMATION**

Candidates selected as alternates may or may not be offered a seat for the upcoming entering class. Please note that alternate candidates are not ranked nor numbered, rather they are considered as a pool of viable candidates. **The alternate status remains unchanged until notified in writing by Western University of Health Sciences' Office of Admissions.**

Alternate candidates may be offered a seat from the time the alternate notification is received until classes start in August 2022. Please confirm your interest as an alternate via the alternate declaration form online. If you should accept a seat elsewhere, please notify us **in writing** (email is preferred) so that we may remove you from the alternate pool.

If you are placed in the alternate pool, and you would like suggestions on how to improve your application for the next application cycle, you are encouraged to review the competitive statistics page on the prospective student website. In addition, suggestions on how to improve your application do not guarantee an interview and/or acceptance to the DVM Program. We ask that you not email your admissions counselor for advising, as they do not have details regarding why you were not chosen initially for a seat in the class.

## **IF YOU ARE NOT OFFERED AN ACCEPTANCE**

The Office of Admissions will notify candidates who are unsuccessful in gaining admission by email. Admissions will notify alternates not selected for admission via email by late August if not offered a seat by the first day of class. Applicants who are not offered a seat are encouraged to review the competitive class statistics page on the prospective student website. In addition, suggestions on how to improve your application do not guarantee an interview and/or acceptance to the DVM program. We ask that you not email your admissions counselor for advising, as they do not have details regarding why you were not chosen for a seat in the class.

Remember to check our website for new application deadline dates and any changes in program prerequisites. Please review the admissions requirements carefully for these changes.

## **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/media/registrar/2021-2022-catalog-cvm.pdf>.

In addition, 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.



***College of Veterinary Medicine***  
**CURRICULUM OVERVIEW & TIMELINE**

| Years 1 & 2   |                              | Year 3                            |                    | Year 4   |                                      |                      |  |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| VBS (Veterinary Basic Science) course<br>Including Problem-Based Learning Modules (PBL), Anatomy laboratory, and Basic Science Laboratory (BSL)<br><br>**All systems<br><br>**All disciplines | 64 Weeks                     | Financial and Practice Management | 1 Wk               | Selective and Core Rotations<br><br>**Local<br><br>**Regional<br><br>**National<br><br>**International | 8 x 4 equals 32 Weeks                |                      |  |
|   |                              | Small Animal Mixed Practice       | 8 Wks              |  |                                      |                      |  |
|   |                              | Livestock Mixed Practice          | 4 Wks              |  |                                      |                      |  |
|   |                              | Equine Practice                   | 4 Wks              |  |                                      |                      |  |
| Molecular and Cellular Biology (MCB) Course   |                              | Surgery/Shelter Medicine          | 2 Wks              |  |                                      |                      |  |
|   |                              | Population Health & Production    | 2 Wks              |  |                                      |                      |  |
|   |                              | Diagnostic Laboratory & Pathology | 2 Wks              |  |                                      |                      |  |
|   |                              | Laboratory Animal & Research      | 2 Wks              |  |                                      |                      |  |
| Veterinary Issues Seminars  |                              | Zoo Animal & Wildlife             | 2 Wks              |  |                                      | Senior Presentations |  |
|   |                              | Veterinary Public Health          | 2 Wks              |  |                                      |                      |  |
| Clinical Skills Courses   |                              |                                   | Food & Feed Safety | 2 Wks  | Independent Research (Thesis) Option | Self Study           |  |
|   |                              |                                   | Global Health      | 2 Wks  |                                      |                      |  |
|   | 3rd year presentation course |                                   | 1 Day              |  |                                      |                      |  |

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**STUDENT TIME COMMITMENTS**

| <b>Years 1 &amp; 2</b>  |
|---|
| <p><b>Scheduled In Class Time:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Problem-Based Learning modules (PBL): 6 hr/wk</li> <li>Basic Science Laboratory: BSL 4 hrs/wk</li> <li>▶ MCB, Veterinary Issues: 42 hr/wk</li> <li>▶ Anatomy Laboratory: 4 hr/wk</li> <li>▶ Primary Care Clinic/Clinical Skills: 2 hr/wk (averaged over semester)<br/>(Commuting cost and time is the student's responsibility)</li> </ul> <p><b>Self-directed/Impromptu Time:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Q and A: up to 2 hr/wk</li> <li>▶ Laboratories/skills practice: 6 hr/wk</li> <li>▶ Group meetings: 6 hr/wk</li> <li>▶ Library/computer/case research: 8 hr/wk</li> <li>▶ Studying: 8 hr/wk</li> </ul> |
| <b>Year 3</b>   |
| <p><b>Scheduled Time:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Required rotations:</li> <li>▶ Contact time: Normally 20-30 hr/wk (includes rounds, outpatients, inpatients, business meetings, and record maintenance)</li> <li>▶ Non-contact time: As a group 20 hr/wk (includes library/computer/case research, learning objectives, studying)</li> <li>▶ Commuting cost and time is the student's responsibility</li> </ul> <p><b>Self-Directed, individual study time:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Approximately 10-20 hr/wk</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Year 4</b>   |
| <p><b>Scheduled Time:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Selective rotations:</li> <li>▶ Contact time: 40-50 hr/wk (includes rounds, outpatients, inpatients, business meetings, record maintenance)</li> <li>▶ Non-contact time: 20 hr/wk</li> <li>▶ Library/computer/case research</li> <li>▶ Learning objectives</li> <li>▶ Reading</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Self-Directed, individual study time:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Approximately 10-20 hr/wk</li> </ul>   |

## **Personal Competencies for Admission and Matriculation**

A candidate for admission to the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program must possess, or be able to achieve through a reasonable accommodation, certain intellectual, emotional and physical abilities (sensory and motor functions) that would enable the individual to acquire the knowledge, technical and clinical skills needed to complete, successfully, the curriculum in order to pursue a career in veterinary medicine. Upon matriculation to the program, the student must continue to possess, or be able to achieve through a reasonable accommodation, the personal competencies outlined below throughout their progression in Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program. Graduation from the program signifies that the individual is prepared for entry into clinical practice or into postgraduate training programs. The candidate must be able to integrate - consistently, quickly, and accurately - all information received by whatever sense(s) are employed. In addition, they must have the intellectual ability to learn, integrate, analyze, and synthesize data.

The practice of veterinary medicine requires specific essential functions, which include but are not limited to the following six broad categories: observation, communication, motor, interpretative (conceptual and quantitative), behaviors/social and physical health. For candidates or students who require a reasonable accommodation in order to meet the competencies outlined below, please contact the Harris Family Center for Disability and Health Policy/Accommodation and Resource Center (CDHP/AARC) 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:

### **Observation Skills**

Candidates and students must have sufficient vision to be able to observe demonstrations, experiments and macro- and microscopic laboratory exercises. They must be able to observe a patient accurately at a distance and close at hand. A candidate must be able to acquire information from written documents and to visualize information presented as paper, films, slides, and video and computer images. A candidate must be able to visualize radiographs (x-rays), other visual diagnostic tools, and other graphic images, with or without the use of assistive devices. A candidate must have functional use of visual, auditory and somatic sensation (palpation, etc.) while using appropriate enhancement of sensory modalities (such as microscopes, stethoscopes, etc.). Reasonable accommodations may be provided for the visually impaired.

### **Communication Skills**

A candidate must be able to communicate clearly, appropriately and effectively with a degree of sensitivity with patient caretakers or guardians; establish good rapport, convey or exchange information at a level allowing development of a health history; identify problems presented; explain alternative solutions; and give directions during treatment and post-treatment. For effective patient treatment, the candidate must be able to communicate with patient caretakers or guardians, colleagues and all members of the veterinary and medical health care team effectively and efficiently. Communication must be culturally appropriate taking into consideration the diversity at WesternU. Communication includes oral and written modes requiring the ability to understand, write, and speak fluent English. The candidate must also be able to recognize nonverbal communication cues. Reasonable accommodations may be provided for the hearing and speaking impaired.

### **Motor Skills**

A candidate should have a sufficient level of manual dexterity such that she/he is able to execute the fine movements required to provide general veterinary care and treatment to patients within a specified amount of time. It is required that a candidate possess the manual motor skills necessary to directly perform diagnostic and treatment procedures associated with the practice of general veterinary medicine. Such procedures require coordination of both gross and fine muscular movements, equilibrium, and functional uses of the senses of



touch, hearing, and vision. Examples of procedures reasonably required of students and veterinarians include, but are not limited to: physical examination of different species in the emergency and non-emergency settings, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, insertion of a variety of catheters, administration of intravenous medication, application of pressure to stop bleeding in open wounds, opening obstructed airways, suturing wounds and surgical incisions, performance of obstetrical maneuvers and performance of diagnosis and manipulation of the patient.

### **Interpretative (conceptual/quantitative) Skills**

A candidate must be able to measure, memorize, calculate, reason, analyze, integrate, and synthesize information. A candidate must be able to comprehend and mentally visualize three-dimensional relationships and to understand the spatial relationships of structures. Problem solving, clinical decision-making, and critical thinking skills demanded of a general veterinarian are required for all of these intellectual abilities in a timely fashion for effective patient treatment.

### **Behavior and Social Skills**

A candidate must possess the emotional health and maturity required for full utilization of her or his intellectual abilities, the exercise of good judgment, maintenance of confidentiality, the prompt completion of all responsibilities attendant to the diagnosis and care of patients and the development of mature, sensitive, and effective relationships with patients, patient caretaker/guardians, faculty, staff, and fellow students. A candidate must recognize that the curriculum is physically, mentally, and emotionally demanding. She/he must be able to function effectively under stress, adapt to changing environments, display flexibility, and learn to function in the face of uncertainties inherent in the clinical problems of patients.

### **Physical Health**

WesternU has established medical status credential requirements that must be completed prior to matriculation. Medical status credentialing is designed to ensure that the safety of patients and patient caretaker/guardian are not compromised while protecting the rights and safety of students as well. For more detailed information, contact the Student/Employee Health Coordinator at [stu-emphealth@westernu.edu](mailto:stu-emphealth@westernu.edu).

## Overview of the WesternU Financial Aid Process

**Welcome!** The information below is to provide you with a quick overview on how financial aid is processed at our office. Please visit our website at <https://www.westernu.edu/financial/>, which has a lot of useful information.

If you have any questions or feedback, please contact our office at (909) 469-5353 or via email at [finaid@westernu.edu](mailto: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 account. 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 in 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 program's 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 2019/20 Academic Year**
- Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan
- 4.30% (T-bill + 3.60%)
- Federal Graduate PLUS Loan
- 5.30% (T-bill + 4.60%)
- The Federal Graduate PLUS loan requires a credit check. If loan is declined, student 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.

| <b>2021/2022</b>                     | <b>First Year<br/>10 Months</b> | <b>Second Year<br/>10 Months</b> | <b>Third Year<br/>10 Months</b> | <b>Fourth Year<br/>A &amp; B Starts<br/>11 Months</b> | <b>Fourth Year<br/>C &amp; D Starts<br/>11 Months</b> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Doctor of Veterinary Medicine</b> |                                 |                                  |                                 |   |   |
|                                      |                                 |                                  |                                 |   |   |
| <b>Tuition &amp; Fees</b>            |                                 |                                  |                                 |   |   |
| Tuition                              | 56,535                          | 56,535                           | 56,535                          | 56,535  | 56,535  |
| Student Body Fees                    | 40                              | 40                               | 40                              | 40  | 40  |
| Graduation fees                      | 0                               | 0                                | 0                               | 350   | 350   |
| SAVMA (covers all 4 years)           | 12                              | N/A                              | N/A                             | N/A   | N/A   |
| SEP/Medical Equipment                | 350                             | N/A                              | N/A                             | N/A   | N/A   |
| <b>Total Fees</b>                    | <b>56,937</b>                   | <b>56,575</b>                    | <b>56,575</b>                   | <b>56,925</b>   | <b>56,925</b>   |
| <b>Budget Items/Estimated Costs</b>  |                                 |                                  |                                 |   |   |
| Books & Supplies                     | 620                             | 0                                | 0                               | 0   | 0   |
| Living Expenses (R&B/Personal)       | 18,844                          | 18,844                           | 18,844                          | 20,729  | 20,729  |
| Transportation                       | 2,800                           | 2,800                            | 6,648                           | 8,280   | 7,392   |
| Vet Med National Boards              | N/A                             | N/A                              | N/A                             | 1,050   | 1,050   |
| Membership Dues                      | N/A                             | N/A                              | N/A                             | 100   | 100   |
| Background Check & Finger Printing   | N/A                             | N/A                              | N/A                             | 100   | 100   |
| <b>Total Budget Components</b>       | <b>22,264</b>                   | <b>21,644</b>                    | <b>25,492</b>                   | <b>30,259</b>   | <b>29,371</b>   |
| <b>Loan Fees</b>                     |                                 |                                  |                                 |   |   |
| Direct Unsubsidized Loan Fees        | 452                             | 452                              | 452                             | 475   | 475   |
| Grad PLUS Loan Fees                  | 1,561                           | 1,520                            | 1,683                           | 1,806   | 1,768   |
| <b>Total Loan Fees</b>               | <b>2,013</b>                    | <b>1,972</b>                     | <b>2,135</b>                    | <b>2,281</b>  | <b>2,243</b>  |
|                                      |                                 |                                  |                                 |   |   |
| <b>Total Budget</b>                  | <b>81,214</b>                   | <b>80,191</b>                    | <b>84,202</b>                   | <b>89,465</b>   | <b>88,539</b>   |
|                                      |                                 |                                  |                                 |   |   |

The average indebtedness for the WesternU Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program for the last 4 years:

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| 2017 Graduates | \$270,164 |
| 2018 Graduates | \$265,558 |
| 2019 Graduates | \$259,225 |
| 2020 Graduates | \$273,131 |

The above is based on graduates that had WesternU debt.

The Veterinary Medicine program has two disbursements per academic year. One in the Fall before school starts and one in the Spring.

To see a sample of what your loan repayment schedule may look like, please visit the [Federal Student Aid Repayment Estimator Calculator](#).

If you have any questions or feedback, please contact our office at (909) 469-5353 or via email at [finaid@westernu.edu](mailto:finaid@westernu.edu). We look forward to assisting you!

## UNIVERSITY STUDENT AFFAIRS – SUPPORT SERVICES

### ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

#### **Learning Enhancement and Academic Development (LEAD)** <http://www.westernu.edu/lead/lead-about/>

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)** <http://www.westernu.edu/cdhp/cdhp-about/>

The <sup>HF</sup>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 <sup>HF</sup>CDHP understands your educational needs and is flexible in its accommodations. 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](http://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](mailto:disabilityaccommodations@westernu.edu).

**Fitness – Pomona, CA Campus** | <http://www.westernu.edu/students/students-services-fitness/>  
<https://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. **SamFit (for Oregon students only)** - 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 2021-2022 academic year and may be subject to change in the future.
2. **Reimbursement to any non-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 SamFit). WesternU negotiates a discounted rate with LA Fitness and you can learn more about the link above.

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 Optum. 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 video counseling, telecounseling, or face-to-face. An on-campus counselor is also available by appointment.

## **Identification Badges**

Student identification badges must be worn at all times 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](mailto:westernu@hsac.com).

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| <b>Deductible</b>                         | \$250  |
| <b>Co-Insurance</b>                       | 80% – Preferred Provider Organization (PPO), 60% – Non-PPO |
| <b>Out of Pocket Maximum (Individual)</b> | \$6,350 (PPO), \$10,000 (Non-PPO)                          |
| <b>Out of Pocket Maximum (Family)</b>     | \$12,700 (PPO), \$20,000 (Non-PPO)                         |
| <b>Office Visit</b>                       | \$20 Copayment, 100% (PPO), 60% (Non-PPO)                  |
| <b>Urgent Care Visit</b>                  | \$20 Copayment, 100% (PPO), 60% (Non-PPO)                  |
| <b>Emergency Room Visit</b>               | \$200 Copayment (Waived if Admitted)                       |
| <b>Prescription Drugs</b>                 | \$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/](http://www.westernu.edu/campusmap/)

**Annual parking permits are \$470, and semester parking permits are \$255** 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 \$3.00 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 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. The Daumier is not owned or operated by WesternU and is privately owned and managed. 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](http://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 160 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, professional, and interest-based** clubs. The cultural diversity present on our campus provides students with an appreciation and respect for people of all backgrounds.



### **Useful Links**

About the DVM program (program overview, accreditation, and tuition refund policy)

<https://www.westernu.edu/veterinary/>

University catalog (includes requirements and course descriptions)

<https://www.westernu.edu/media/registrar/2021-2022-catalog-cvm.pdf>

Interprofessional Education at WesternU

<https://prospective.westernu.edu/veterinary/dvm/interprofessional-education/>

Hot Spots within Driving Distance of WesternU (day trips and local cultural events)

<https://prospective.westernu.edu/hotspots/>

The Daumier (housing located adjacent to WesternU campus)

<https://www.thedaumier.com/>

The Helix at University Village (housing located adjacent to WesternU campus)

<https://www.apartments.com/helix-at-university-village-pomona-ca/zbern4w/>

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