



LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY  
School of Behavioral Health

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Dear Psychology Applicant:

We appreciate your inquiry and look forward to receiving your application! You must have a 4 year undergraduate bachelor's degree, preferably with a major in Psychology, prior to acceptance. Application requirements apply to both programs we offer.

Programs we offer:

- Ph.D./M.A. (Scientist-Practitioner Model) Doctor of Philosophy
- Psy.D./M.A. (Practitioner-Scholar Model) Doctor of Psychology

There are federal grants and student loans available through LLU Office of Financial Aid. Our department offers some research and teaching assistantships. These positions are only available after matriculation into the program. Contact the professor in your research or teaching area of interest and approach them by phone or e-mail showing your interest for a TA or RA job. (see "Faculty Research Interest" list). Also there may be part-time jobs, on campus and in the nearby communities. We recommend no more than 10 hours of part-time employment per week. Throughout your academic studies, take precaution not to become overly committed. Graduate school is your full-time top priority. Other questions regarding financial assistance should be directed to the Chair of the Department of Psychology.

Our programs are on **Block Tuition**.

The advantages to Block Tuition are:

- Students can take a full academic load or more each quarter
- Consistency from quarter to quarter with Federal Aid
- Will expedite the completion of the degree program in a timely manner

However, the disadvantage will be that a student who does not take a full load will end up spending more money for his/her degree. The department endeavors to keep educational costs to a minimum.

### **Cost Breakdown Normal Progression**

(Tuition and fees subject to change each academic school year)

#### **Ph.D./M.A. and Psy.D./M.A. Programs**

**2015-2016 Academic Year \$29,967.00 (1<sup>st</sup> year students only)**

**2015-2016 Academic Year \$36,639.00 (2<sup>nd</sup> year and beyond)**

**(Includes Tuition, Registration and School Fees)**

**Degree requirements for the Ph.D. Clinical program are 204 units.**

**Degree requirements for the Psy.D. Clinical program are 168 units.**

**A minimum of 8 units per quarter are required to be considered full-time.** It is highly recommended that a student take the courses recommended on the quarterly course schedule and as advised by their academic advisor or department chair. A student may register for a maximum of 14-15 units per quarter based on course configurations.

Our doctoral (Ph.D. and Psy.D.) clinical programs are fully-accredited by the American Psychological Association. All programs are a full-time commitment, Monday-Friday and we DO NOT offer evening/weekend, online courses or distance learning.

The first two years of your studies are applicable to a master's degree. Once the units are completed, appropriate paperwork is submitted, to receive the master's degree on your way to the doctoral degree in which you are enrolled. A doctoral degree takes approximately 5-6 years to complete all requirements. Your last year is a required internship at a site where you apply and match. Should you receive an M.A. degree in Psychology from another institution prior to application to our program, we do not award a second Master's degree. (see attached departmental policy regarding Transfer of Units). Acceptance of the courses is determined by submitting an academic variance form, copy of transcript with grade highlighted and a copy of the syllabus for each course submitted, for consideration by the Academic Affairs Committee and SBH Dean's Office.

**Living Accommodations**...there are men's and women's dorms on campus as well as apartment/home rentals or homes to buy in the local area. [www.llu.edu/llu/housing](http://www.llu.edu/llu/housing)

Here are a few requirements to get a jump start on the application process:

1. **Application online** [www.llu.edu/apply](http://www.llu.edu/apply) *Application fee of \$35 is required and is non-refundable.*
2. **Letters of recommendation** During the online application process you will be asked to provide the e-mail addresses of your recommenders. The forms will be generated electronically to your recommenders when you make your deposit and complete the online process and not until then. They may complete the forms and send them electronically to the SBH Admissions Office OR they may choose to use their own letterhead. Please provide the "All Other Application Materials" address and email to your recommenders should they choose this option.
3. Three (3) letters of recommendation must be received from professionals unrelated to the applicant and qualified to assess the applicant's potential for graduate education. **Letters from previous and/or current professors are preferable.** Letters from other sources are above and beyond what is required but will be accepted as part of the application file, in addition to the required recommendations.
4. **General GRE test required** (plan ahead as you want to meet the deadline with your scores submitted). Allow 4-6 weeks for test results. Contact Educational Testing Services (ETS) at 1(866)473-4373 or [www.ets.org/gre](http://www.ets.org/gre). To prepare for the GRE exam you may want to inquire about a Prep Course at <http://www.kaptest.com/> Also purchase the latest edition of the GRE textbook at a bookstore of your choice for study preparation for the GRE.  
**LLU School Code is 4062 for submitting scores.**
5. **Personal Statement and Curriculum Vitae** (optional and acceptable) You may submit to the "All Other Application Materials" mailing address or email.
6. **Transcripts – ALL transcripts from undergraduate and graduate studies are required.** Transcripts must be mailed directly from the colleges and universities and *cannot* be hand delivered or mailed by the applicant. The transcripts would be considered "unofficial" and this would cause a delay in processing.
7. **DEADLINES –Customary application deadline is December 31 for each Fall quarter term.** The window of opportunity will not shut on December 31, however, it is advisable to keep the lines of communication open between my

office and the SBH Office of Admissions. New incoming graduate students start their program at the end of September and we do not offer rolling admissions. For status of your application file, please contact the **SBH Office of Admissions**, @ (909)558-8722 [admissions.sbh@llu.edu](mailto:admissions.sbh@llu.edu) or visit the **Admissions Portal** at [https://ssweb.llu.edu/llu/twbkwbis.P\\_GenMenu?name=bmenu.P\\_LLUApplyMnu](https://ssweb.llu.edu/llu/twbkwbis.P_GenMenu?name=bmenu.P_LLUApplyMnu)

We accept approximately 12 Ph.D. applicants and 18 Psy.D. applicants per academic year.

#### **8. Selection of Applicants**

Applicants are selected after the interview phase of the application process, to determine their compatibility with the chosen doctoral clinical program. Selection is made by the Psychology Faculty Admissions Committee. Recommendations are then made to the SBH Admissions Office. Recommendations are reviewed and a final decision is reached by the Dean. An official electronic letter of admission is sent to the applicant by the Dean of the School of Behavioral Health. Acceptance responses must be received no later than the date indicated in the Dean's letter, including a required deposit.

**Following the instructions for sending transcripts and application requirements will avoid delays and will assist in the processing of your application.**

**DO NOT MAIL ANYTHING DIRECTLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY OR TO SHARI LANE!!**

You do not need to wait to submit application requirements. Apply and submit materials as they become available to you and the SBH Admissions Office will open a file for you immediately and enter documents as they arrive until your file is complete. Keep the lines of communication open as we near the deadline and as your file is nearing completion. Once your file is complete and all minimum criteria met, the SBH Admissions Office will authorize me to have access to a copy for preparation for our Admissions Committee which meets in the Winter quarter (Jan/Feb) following the deadline. Competitive applicants are invited for an interview day, recommendations and acceptances follow thereafter.

**(TRANSCRIPTS ONLY) School Code 4062)**

Central Admissions Processing  
Loma Linda University  
11139 Anderson Street  
Loma Linda, CA 92350 USA

**(ALL OTHER APPLICATIONS MATERIALS)**

**ATTN: RUTH BROWDER**  
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Loma Linda, CA 92350  
(909)558-8722 [admissions.sbh@llu.edu](mailto:admissions.sbh@llu.edu)

**David Vermeersch, Ph.D.** is currently our **Interim Chair of the Department and Director of Clinical Training (Ph.D. Program)** He can be reached for all academic concerns regarding the Ph.D. program at (909)558-7116 or [dVermeersch@llu.edu](mailto:dVermeersch@llu.edu)

**Adam Arechiga, Psy.D./DrPH** is currently our **Director of Clinical Training for the Psy.D. Program** He can be reached for all academic concerns regarding the Psy.D. program at (909)558-8717 or [aArechiga@llu.edu](mailto:aArechiga@llu.edu)

**Shari Lane – Admissions and Records Coordinator** - I am most happy to assist you in the application process, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time during business hours. (909)558-8577 or [sLane@llu.edu](mailto:sLane@llu.edu) or [psyc@llu.edu](mailto:psyc@llu.edu)

**Financial Aid/Student Finance** – [www.llu.edu/ssweb/finaid](http://www.llu.edu/ssweb/finaid) This link will assist you regarding application for financial aid and basic information. For general questions, further information and screening contact (909)558-4509 Ext 43390. Our Financial Aid Representative is **Julie Seard** for the School of Behavioral Health. She can also be reached at [jlseard@llu.edu](mailto:jlseard@llu.edu) .

**International Students** - Please contact International Student Services at (909)558-4955. Martin Aguirre, Director. You may contact him at [maguirre@llu.edu](mailto:maguirre@llu.edu) Here also is information regarding the TOEFL exam <http://www.llu.edu/apply/intlstudent.html>. Exam must have been taken within 5 years prior to application.

**American Psychological Association, Commission on Accreditation** – Both of our clinical doctoral programs are fully accredited by the American Psychological Association, Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242 (202)336-5979 or Fax (202) 336-5978.

Starting the process now is highly recommended and planning ahead is in your best interest. We look forward to assisting you!

Warmly,



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**Sharon E. "Shari" Lane**

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