



Loma Linda University
School of Behavioral Health

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:

- PhD/MA (Scientist-Practitioner Model) Doctor of Philosophy
- PsyD/MA (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 email showing your interest for a TA or RA job. (See "Faculty Research Interest" list.) There may also 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)

PhD/MA and PsyD/MA Programs

2019-2020 Academic Year \$32,925.00 (1st year students only)

2019-2020 Academic Year \$40,228.00 (2nd year and beyond)

(Includes Tuition, Registration, and School Fees)

Degree requirements for the PhD Clinical program are 204 units.

Degree requirements for the PsyD 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 (PhD and PsyD) 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 MA 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

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

1. Application online - 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 email 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. 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. **PLEASE GIVE ETS OUR LLU School Code 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, at 909-558-8722 or admissions.sbh@llu.edu, or visit the Admissions Portal at https://ssweb.llu.edu/llu/twbkwbis.P_GenMenu?name=bmenu.P_LLUApplyMnu

We accept approximately 12 PhD applicants and 18 PsyD 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.

(ONLY OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS ARE ACCEPTED FROM THE INSTITUTIONS)

Mail to:

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

OR electronically to admissions.app@llu.edu

(ALL OTHER APPLICATIONS MATERIALS, (i.e. CV and/or Personal Statement))

ATTN: Ruth Browder
LLU SBH Office of Admissions
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Loma Linda, CA 92350
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David Vermeersch, PhD is Chair of the Department. He can be reached at 909-558-7116 or dVermeersch@llu.edu

Holly Morrell, PhD is Director of Clinical Training for the PhD program. She can be reached for all academic and clinical concerns regarding the PhD program at 909-558-7221 or hMorrell@llu.edu

Kendal Boyd, PhD is Director of Clinical Training for the PsyD program. He can be reached for all academic and clinical concerns regarding the PsyD program at 909-558-8574 or kBoyd@llu.edu

Shari Lane – Admissions and Records Coordinator - I am happy to assist you in the application process. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time during business hours at 909-558-8577, slane@llu.edu, or psyc@llu.edu

Financial Aid/Student Finance – 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. 43489. Our Financial Aid Representative is Louise Jones for the School of Behavioral Health. Email lcjones@llu.edu.

International Students - Please contact International Student Services at 909-558-4955. Martin Aguirre, Director. You may contact him at maguirre@llu.edu. Here also is information regarding the TOEFL exam: <http://www.llu.edu/apply/intlstudent.html>. Exam must be 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 and planning ahead is highly recommended and in your best interest. We look forward to assisting you!

Warmest regards,



Sharon E. Lane

Admissions and Academic Records Coordinator

Office of the Chair, Administrative Assistant

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*Questions related to the program's accredited status should be directed to the Commission on Accreditation:

Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation American Psychological Association

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Web: www.apa.org/ed/accreditation