LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Loma Linda University is dedicated to creating a learning environment that promotes the lifelong pursuit of knowledge, wisdom, and skills used for selfless service to mankind. Through intentional educational strategies, Loma Linda University interweaves its vision, mission, and core values with its student learning outcomes. The University’s mission of wholeness gives focus to the learning environment that balances mind, body, and spirit (psycho-social-physical-spiritual) and gives meaning to the motto of mission-focused learning. In this health-care institution, critical and analytical thinking skills in the health, behavioral, and natural sciences are blended with a commitment to spiritual and moral development.

Loma Linda University pledges to students, staff, faculty, alumni, and the local and global communities its commitment to upholding integrity, valuing diversity, engaging with the community in service learning scholarship, and honoring the process of ongoing self-assessment for the purpose of continuous quality improvement. The University and each of its schools, programs, and classes provide clearly defined student learning outcomes and measurable performance indicators to create a learning atmosphere that is clear and focused.

The University is engaged in systematic academic program review. Curricular maps are maintained for each program to assure alignment between student learning outcomes and planned academic activities. Program review follows carefully developed schedules as outlined in school-specific assessment matrices.

Loma Linda University is committed to using assessment data to guide academic and fiscal master planning for the University.

The total resources of the University offer a wealth of opportunity to the student with initiative and willingness to develop individual capacity to the fullest extent. The academic resources, affiliated clinical facilities, and community agencies constitute a rich educational environment both in classroom instruction and in guided experience. Major facilities utilized for clinical affiliations and internships include the University Medical Center; the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Medical Center; numerous other hospitals and agencies located in the Redlands, San Bernardino, Riverside, and Los Angeles areas; as well as throughout the United States and abroad. In addition, students find varied opportunities for service and learning in the immediate University community, in clinical and research electives, and in diverse volunteer programs.

University student mission-focused learning opportunities

SAC Health System (SACHS)

Social Action Community Health System (SACHS) is a Federally Qualified Health Center affiliated with Loma Linda University Health. It provides low-cost health services at several sites in the Inland Empire, including the new San Bernardino Campus and the established SAC Norton campus. These clinical facilities provide educational opportunities for students and residents from Loma Linda to become involved with patient care and community initiatives. Providing a wide spectrum of primary and specialty medical services, dental care, and mental health—this clinic network is an ideal site to work cross-culturally and develop an understanding of diverse populations. The San Manuel Gateway College is also part of the San Bernardino Campus and provides certificate-level programs to high school graduates entering the health-care work force. Loma Linda students interact and assist in these training programs.

Community-Academic Partners in Service (CAPS)

Community-Academic Partners in Service (CAPS) is a Loma Linda University program directed by the Institute for Community Partnerships. The program serves as the on-campus hub for connecting students and staff with volunteer opportunities in the San Bernardino area that are mutually beneficial and sustainable, that meet needs expressed by the local community, and that develop in students a lifelong passion for service. The numerous short-term and long-term community engagement opportunities range from mentoring high school students, after-school tutoring, health education, college prep, adult job skills, children’s ministry, and a family soccer league. In addition to directly coordinating several programs, CAPS also works closely with local organizations to provide volunteer support for programs and events, and also facilitates students’ service learning and community service placement needs.

To serve, students create a volunteer interest profile and list interests and availability on the CAPS online volunteer system. They can sign up for upcoming service opportunities, or they will be notified when opportunities in line with their interests are available. More information on volunteer opportunities can be found by visiting the CAPS Web site: caps.llu.edu; by calling (909) 651-5011; or by visiting the CAPS office in the Councilors Student Pavilion, Room 1402.

University libraries

Major library resources

Specialized libraries are located in various medical and school departments and in other entities on campus. Additionally, the following major library resources on campus support the University's academic programs:

• the Del E. Webb Memorial Library
• the Veterans Administration Library Services.

The central library

The historical roots of the Del E. Webb Memorial Library, the central library of Loma Linda University, go back to 1907 when a small library collection was started in a room of the old Loma Linda Sanitarium. In 1953, the growing collection was moved to its own building on the Loma Linda campus. In 1981, construction of a new library was funded by a Del E. Webb Foundation grant that increased the total floor space of the Library to 87,670 square feet. This structure currently houses the main library; while the old structure is now shared between the Department of Archives and Special Collections and the bound retrospective journals. As of June 2015, the Library had a total collection of 323,568 books and bound journals; 176,150 print and electronic books; and 8,945 currently received print and electronic journal titles.

For more detailed statistical information, consult the library's Web site at llu.edu/library.

Library mission

The mission of the Del E. Webb Memorial Library is to stimulate and support the information needs of the University’s instructional, research, and service programs. To this end, the library provides a full range of information support services—including, but not limited to, reference, circulation, reserve, and access to the Internet. The library also provides online databases, digital books, and journal collections; end-user training...
programs; interlibrary loans; photocopy services; a computer laboratory; class-integrated, library instruction programs; and services that support distance education and University outreach programs.

Access to resources

The Del E. Webb Memorial Library's catalog (http://catalog.llu.edu) provides access to all campus library collections. In addition to the collections of the Del E. Webb Memorial Library, there are nursing skills laboratory, bioethics, nutrition, occupational therapy, and Geoscience Research Center collections. The catalog also provides access to the combined collections of some thirty-nine libraries through Link Plus (http://csul.iii.com), a book-request service and union catalog of more than 8 million records. The library's Web site, <llu.edu/library>, provides access to all electronic journals, books, and databases.

The library participates in national and regional networks—such as the National Network of the Libraries of Medicine, founded by the National Library of Medicine. This structure is divided into eight regional sections, one of which is the Pacific Southwest Region. The library belongs to this region and is the designated medical resource library for San Bernardino and Riverside counties. Local library cooperatives include the Inland Empire Academic Library Cooperative (IEALC); and San Bernardino, Inyo, Riverside Counties United Library Services (SIRCULS). Membership in these cooperatives gives Loma Linda University students, faculty, and staff access to the collections of these libraries, archives, and special collections.

Archives and special collections

The Department of Archives and Special Collections is the central repository of information on the history of Loma Linda University, the health sciences, and major collections on Adventism. It includes print materials; rare books; theses; dissertations; microforms; sound recordings; several thousand photographs; and archival materials, including papers of various denominational and University officials, as well as the congressional papers of the Honorable Jerry and Shirley Pettis. Searchable digitized indexes for various document files are also available via the department’s Web page: <llu.edu/library/speccolls>.

For additional information about school- or program-specific libraries/computer and research centers/learning resources, see the desired schools and programs in Section III of this CATALOG.

Ellen G. White Estate Loma Linda Branch Office

Also located in the library is a branch office (http://www.llu.edu/library/speccolls/white.page) of the Ellen G. White Estate. It contains 60,000 typewritten pages of Ellen G. White’s letters and manuscripts; 4,600 of her published articles; and several different files of materials pertaining to various aspects of her life and ministry. A computerized concordance to her published writings is available to researchers.

Learning resources

On the campus, many learning resources for the student offer various opportunities for academic study and research. Each school center is listed with its most closely affiliated school.

LLUH (Loma Linda University Health) institutes

- Institute for Health Policy and Leadership
- Loma Linda International Heart Institute
- Perinatal Institute
- Rehabilitation, Orthopaedics, and Neurosciences Institute
- Transplantation Institute
- Wholeness Institute

LLUH centers

- Center for Christian Bioethics
- Center for Spiritual Life and Wholeness

LLUMC centers

- James M. Slater, M.D., Proton Treatment and Research Center
- Spine Center

LLU centers

- Center for Biodiversity and Conservation Studies (School of Medicine)
- Center for Dental Research (School of Dentistry)
- Center for Health Disparities and Molecular Medicine (School of Medicine)
- Center for Health Promotion (School of Public Health)
- Center for Health Research (School of Public Health)
- Center for Interprofessional Education (Provost)
- Center for Neuroscience Research (School of Medicine)
- Center for Perinatal Biology (School of Medicine)
- Heritage Research Center (School of Religion)
- Neurosurgery Center for Research, Training, and Education (School of Medicine)