

# ACCREDITATION STATUS

## The University

Founded as the College of Evangelists in 1905-06, the University was chartered as the College of Medical Evangelists by the state of California on December 13, 1909, and accredited by the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools on April 7, 1937. Since February 24, 1960, it has been accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), known as the Western College Association prior to January 1962. On July 1, 1961, the school officially became Loma Linda University. Accreditation of professional curricula has been attained as follows below.

## The professions

### Faculty of Graduate Studies

The Graduate School began in 1954 with accreditation through University accreditation. It continued through 2004 and was restructured as the Faculty of Graduate Studies in 2005. The Faculty of Graduate Studies convenes graduate faculty from research-intensive programs and functions as a peer-review body to ensure the quality of academic programs.

### School of Allied Health Professions

**CARDIAC ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY TECHNOLOGY:** Started in 2011. Initial accreditation March 21, 2015, by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

**CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE (formerly Medical Technology):** Started in 1937. Approved by the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association on August 28, 1937. Currently accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences. Currently approved by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Laboratory Field Services (LFS).

**COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS:** The Master of Science (M.S.) degree in speech-language pathology residential program at Loma Linda University is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2200 Research Boulevard, #310, Rockville, MD 20850, 800-498-2071 or 301-296-5700.

**DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY:** Started in 1976 as diagnostic medical sonography. Approved by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography October 24, 1985.

**HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT:** Started as medical records administration in 1963. Currently approved by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education.

**MEDICAL RADIOGRAPHY:** Started in 1941 as radiological technology. Approved by the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association November 19, 1944. Currently approved by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology and the California State Department of Public Health as of 2015.

**NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY:** Started in 1970. Approved by the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association June 23, 1973. Currently approved by the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology as of 2016.

**NUTRITION AND DIETETICS:** Started in 1922 as a certificate program; baccalaureate degree conferred 1932-54; graduate program offered since 1954. Internship program continuously approved by The American Dietetic Association from 1957 through 1974; reestablishment of baccalaureate degree program authorized October 1971. M.S. degree

in nutrition and dietetics started in 2008; Since 1974, the Coordinated Program in Dietetics has been granted accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education (CADE) of the American Dietetic Association. The coordinated program in dietetics is currently granted continuing accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (formerly CADE of the American Dietetic Association).

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY:** Started in 1959. Initial approval by the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association June 10, 1960. Full approval March 30, 1962. Currently approved by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education.

**PHLEBOTOMY:** Accredited/approved by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Laboratory Field Services (LFS).

**PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT:** Started in 1989. Currently accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). Most recent site visit 2022.

**PHYSICAL THERAPY:** Started in 1941. Initially approved by the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association June 6, 1942. Currently accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). Most recent site visit 2022.

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SCIENCES:** Started in 2000. Provisional accreditation granted September 2000, by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). Effective January 1, 2001, CAAHEP was succeeded by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA). Accreditation continued March 2019.

**RADIATION THERAPY:** Approved by the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association December 1, 1974. Currently approved by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology.

**RESPIRATORY CARE:** Started in 1971. Initially approved by the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association September 1972; full approval June 1973. The Bachelor of Sciences (B.S.) degree is currently accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). Most recent site visit 2019.

Programs offered through the School of Allied Health Professions in conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies are accredited through University accreditation.

### School of Behavioral Health

School of Behavioral Health programs are accredited through University accreditation and/or through their professional accrediting bodies.

Programs offered through the School of Behavioral Health, in conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies, are accredited through University accreditation.

### Department of Counseling and Family Sciences

**MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPY (M.S.):** Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE). Accreditation renewal in 2025.

**MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPY (D.M.F.T.):** Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE). Accreditation renewal in 2025.

**MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPY (Ph.D.):** Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE). Next accreditation renewal in 2025.

**PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES CREDENTIAL:** Assigned the status of "accreditation" through Linda University on June 18, 2008, by the Committee on Accreditation on behalf of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (State of California). Next Commission visit during 2023-24 academic year.

**Department of Psychology**

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY (Ph.D.): Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Psychological Association. Next accreditation renewal in 2029.

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY (Psy.D): Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Psychological Association. Next accreditation renewal in 2029.

**Department of Social Work and Social Ecology**

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (M.S.W.): Accredited by the Council on Social Work Education to provide master's degree-level education, with the next affirmation to be completed in 2025.

**School of Dentistry**

DENTAL HYGIENE: Bachelor of Science degree started in 1959. Approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association since September 7, 1961. Associate in Science degree started in 2011. Approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association since May 2011.

DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY: Started in 1953. Approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association since May 23, 1957.

ENDODONTICS: Started in 1967. Approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association since December 1969.

ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY: Started in 1964. Approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association since 1967.

ORTHODONTICS AND DENTOFACIAL ORTHOPEDICS: Started in 1960. Approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association since May 1965.

PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY: Started in 1993. Approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association since December 1993.

PERIODONTICS: Started in 1961. Approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association since December 1967.

PROSTHODONTICS: Started in 1993. Approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association since February 1995.

Programs offered through the School of Dentistry in conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies are accredited through University accreditation.

**School of Medicine**

The School of Medicine was started in 1909 and has been approved by the Association of American Medical Colleges and the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association since November 16, 1922. Accreditation for the medical education program leading to the M.D. degree is by The Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME (<http://lcme.org/>)). The LCME is jointly sponsored by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC (<https://www.aamc.org/>)) and the American Medical Association (AMA (<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/>)). LCME is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (<http://www.ed.gov/>) and World Federation of Medical Education as the reliable authority for the accreditation of medical education programs leading to the M.D. degree. LCME accreditation is a voluntary, peer-reviewed process of quality assurance that determines whether the medical education program meets established standards. This process also fosters institutional and programmatic improvement.

Programs offered through the School of Medicine in conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies are accredited through University accreditation.

**School of Nursing**

The hospital-based School of Nursing program began in Loma Linda in 1905 and added the White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles as an affiliate in 1924. The college-based program was accredited by the National Nursing Accrediting Service December 10, 1951, with approval continuing under the National League for Nursing until 2001. The school has been accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) since 1999. Initial approval by the California State Board of Health in 1917 was extended until the college program was approved July 1, 1952, by the California Board of Registered Nursing. The master's degree program started in 1957, the Ph.D. degree program in 2002, and the Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) degree program in 2010.

**School of Pharmacy**

Started in 2002, the Doctor of Pharmacy degree program was first approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) on June 23, 2007, and is accredited until 2029.

ACPE is the sole accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to accredit professional degree programs in pharmacy and is located at 135 South LaSalle Street, Suite 4100, Chicago, IL 60603-4810; telephone: 312/664-3575; FAX: 312/664-4652; website: <https://www.acpe-accredit.org>.

**School of Public Health**

Started in 1948; reorganized in 1964. Approved by the American Public Health Association June 23, 1967. Currently accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health.

**School of Religion**

Started in 1961 as the Division of Religion. Organized as School of Religion (1987-1990), Faculty of Religion (1990-2006), and School of Religion (2007 to present). Programs accredited through University accreditation.