



Western  
University  
OF HEALTH SCIENCES

## WesternU Fact Sheet

### Student Demographics

Enrollment: 3,814 students in the 2020-21 academic year

Gender: 62% female, 38% male

WesternU graduated about 1,070 students from all programs in 2020.

WesternU has more than 17,100 alumni from all programs.

### Student ethnicity/race

Asian 37.2%

White 34.4%

Hispanic 10.4%

Two or More Races 12.1%

Black or African American 2.8%

Ethnicity/Race Unknown 2.5%

### History

Western University of Health Sciences embarked on a special mission when it opened its doors in 1977 as the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP): Educating tomorrow's health-care professionals with a combination of scientific excellence and a humanistic, compassionate approach to patient care.

From an inaugural class of 36 students in 1978, enrollment in COMP had by 1986 grown to more than 400. That same year, the addition of the Master of Science in Health Professions Education program paved the way for what would become the College of Health Sciences. Meanwhile, the University continued acquiring former Pomona Mall buildings, remodeling them and converting them to educational use.

The campus kept growing over the next 10 years, with enrollment jumping dramatically in 1996, when the addition of a College of Pharmacy coincided with the campus' name change to Western University of Health Sciences.

1998 was another landmark year for WesternU, as the College of Graduate Nursing was

founded in March, and the College of Veterinary Medicine - the first veterinary college in Southern California - was established just five months later.

WesternU's first foundation-up construction project, the Veterinary Clinical Center, opened its doors in August 2008. One year later, the University welcomed inaugural classes in three new colleges - Dental Medicine, Optometry and Podiatric Medicine. In conjunction with that academic expansion, the University further expanded the physical campus, erecting a 180,000-square-foot Health Education Center, an academic medical center (WesternU Health – Pomona), and a 600-car parking garage. A ninth school, the Graduate College of Biomedical Sciences, welcomed its inaugural class in January 2010.

Today, WesternU is home to more than 3,800 students in 22 degree programs, as well as more than 1,100 employees, and is one of the most thriving enterprises in the Pomona and Inland valleys. Its campus, encompassing 22 acres, has helped transform downtown Pomona into a thriving mix of retail, commercial and educational enterprises.

WesternU also is making its mark beyond the boundaries of the Pomona campus, thanks to the addition of a Pacific Northwest campus in Lebanon, Oregon. This campus, known as WesternU Oregon, welcomed its inaugural class of 107 osteopathic medical students in July 2011, and has grown to a full enrollment of 400-plus students. WesternU's College of Health Sciences will open a Doctor of Physical Therapy program in Lebanon in July 2021.

### **Mission Statement**

To produce, in a humanistic tradition, health care professionals and biomedical knowledge that will enhance and extend the quality of life in our communities.

### **University Impact**

- WesternU has more than 1,000 full-time employees, and is the fourth-largest employer in the Pomona Valley.
- WesternU has more than \$405 million in total assets.
- The University annually attracts about \$220 million in student financial aid and operates at less than a 1% default rate.
- WesternU awarded \$5.4 million in scholarships and grants in 2020.

### **Academic and Research Centers**

In addition to the degree-granting programs, the University has also established other units that serve to expand its regional and national impact. These include:

Harris Family Center for Disability and Health Policy\*  
Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL)

WesternU Health - Pomona:

- Medical Center
- Eye Care Institute
- Dental Center
- Foot & Ankle Center
- Pharmacy
- Travel Health Center

\*The nationally recognized Harris Family Center for Disability and Health Policy (CDHP) provides innovative “real world” solutions and training programs designed to educate health professionals and individuals with disabilities about the improved delivery of medical care for people with disabilities.

## **Colleges and degree programs**

### **College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific**

Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

### **College of Health Sciences**

Master of Science in Health Sciences

Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

Doctor of Physical Therapy (Entry Level)

Doctor of Physical Therapy (Transitional)

### **College of Pharmacy**

Doctor of Pharmacy

Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences

International Post Baccalaureate PharmD

### **College of Graduate Nursing**

Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner

Master of Science in Nursing, Clinical Nurse Leader

Master of Science in Nursing, Leadership and Management

Master of Science in Nursing – Entry

Emergency Nurse Practitioner Certificate

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Post-Masters PMHNP) Certificate

Post-Masters Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate

Master of Science in Nursing, Completion Program

Doctor of Nursing Practice

### **College of Veterinary Medicine**

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

**College of Dental Medicine**

Doctor of Dental Medicine

Doctor of Dental Medicine - International

**College of Optometry**

Doctor of Optometry

**College of Podiatric Medicine**

Doctor of Podiatric Medicine

**Graduate College of Biomedical Sciences**

Master of Science, Biomedical Sciences

Master of Science, Medical Sciences