

## International Services Nursing Education Programs

UCLA offers various training opportunities for unique, educational experiences to all levels of nurses. The featured programs include:

**UCLA International Nursing Observership Program**, a two-week informal observership experience that enables licensed nurses to observe UCLA Health nurses in various units during patient rounds, bedside care, and clinical settings. When observing patients, the observers are accompanied by their host who is a clinical nurse specialist, registered nurse, unit director or healthcare staff.

**Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) the UCLA Way:** Comprised of various offerings such as online courses, nursing simulation education, clinical skills development, preceptor development training and executive management courses.



### Nursing Education Programs available through UCLA Health include:

#### Observership

**Program length:** Maximum two weeks

**Certificate earned:** Certificate of Participation

**Program highlights:**

- Observe your host unit in the clinical setting
- Attend patient rounds and meetings
- Gain insight from expert UCLA nurses who emphasize best practice in nursing operations
- Choose a specialty for your observership
  - Transplant/Surgical
  - Cardiology
  - Hematology/Oncology
  - Emergency Department
  - Pediatrics/Neonatology
  - Neurology

**Requirement:** Valid nursing license required; English proficiency

#### Continuing Nursing Education the UCLA Way

**Program length:** Varies based on course

**Certificate earned:** Certificate of Participation

**About:** Offers tailored programs providing international nurses insight into UCLA's nursing department and standards of care. Curriculum addresses leadership, new technologies and patient outcomes.

**Program highlights:**

- **Online Courses:** Membership model offering our international partners the ability to gain access to our distance-learning program.
- **Nursing Simulation Education Program:** Uses a variety of modalities such as high-fidelity mannequins, task trainers and standardized patients to optimize the achievement of expected learning outcomes. Scenarios are developed with subject matter experts to address the needs of individual units and to increase the validity of the simulation.
- **Clinical Skills Development:** Provides clinical nurses the opportunity to advance their careers based on clinical expertise and professional development.
- **Preceptor Development Training:** One-week program for nurse leaders focusing on clinician leadership development and workplace mentorship skills.
- **Executive Management Courses:** Customizable one-week program led by UCLA Health leadership. The subject areas include people, service, quality, operations and finance/strategy.

#### Contact

For more information about our Nursing Education Programs, visit [uclahealth.org/international-services](https://uclahealth.org/international-services) or e-mail us at: [IntEdu@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:IntEdu@mednet.ucla.edu)

## Success Story: Partnership between UCLA Health and Ajou University Hospital, Korea



### Certified nurses contribute to better patient outcomes

A certified nurse demonstrates the knowledge, skill and attitude associated with outstanding patient care. UCLA Health and the Department of Nursing are committed to supporting all nurses to achieve their goals in improving patient outcomes, developing professional governance and personal growth, and mastering specialized skills for optimal patient care. We offer customized education and training programs to international nurses. Each program is carefully designed to meet the visiting nurse's learning objectives and can be combined to include observerships in specialty units. The programs can also be tailored to align with the home institution's mission and vision for patient care.

### About the client: Ajou University Hospital

Ajou University Hospital located in Suwon, South Korea opened in 1994 and since then has expanded to accommodate 1,030 patient beds, other facilities including 92 Intensive Care Units and 18 operating rooms.

In January 2019, four nurses from Ajou University Hospital, came to UCLA Health for a week-long customized nursing education program with UCLA Health's Wound Care team. Prior to their arrival, UCLA Health discussed and assessed the needs of the four nurses in order to tailor the program to their specific goals and clinical interests. The final program was comprised of two parts, daily morning didactic lectures and afternoon clinical observerships.

### Objective and program development

Based on the nurses' learning objectives and the goals of their home institution, the final wound care treatment training program provided by UCLA Health Wound Care team, consisted of:

- Lectures on the history of wound ostomy and different areas of wound types, wound care and wound products.
- Sharing best practices in the areas of Pressure Injury Prevention (PIP) and identifying evidence-based pressure injury prevention interventions and treatment modalities.

- Risk assessment, including early detection of the at-risk patient, implementation of preventative measures and plan of care based on patients' risk factors.
- Prevention strategies focused on skin care, patient positioning, nutrition and education.

### Transformative training experience

During their clinical observership, the visiting nurses shadowed teams in different units, observed how the units conducted patient rounds, and learned how the Wound Care team worked in conjunction with other clinicians to treat patients with multiple wound types. At the end of the program, each nurse was awarded with a Certificate of Participation. The program was very well received by the Ajou University Hospital nurses who were very impressed with the preventive and therapeutic material for nurses. In turn, UCLA Health's Wound, Ostomy, Continence Nurse Specialist, Pam Sennet, who facilitated parts of this training said: "We believe global collaboration is the key to improving world health. We learned a lot from our Korean counterparts as well."