

= Western University of Health Sciences =

Western University of Health Sciences (WesternU) is a private , non @-@ profit , graduate school for the health professions , with a main campus located on 22 acres (8 @.@ 9 ha) in downtown Pomona , California , and an additional medical school campus on 50 acres in Lebanon , Oregon . WesternU offers degrees in osteopathic medicine , dental medicine , optometry , podiatric medicine , nursing , physician assistant studies , physical therapy , pharmacy , biomedical sciences , and veterinary medicine . With an enrollment of 3 @,@ 862 students (2014 ? 15) , WesternU is one of the largest graduate schools for the health professions in California , offering 21 academic programs in nine colleges . The university also operates two patient care centers , and has a pet wellness center on its Pomona campus . The WesternU Pomona campus is also home to the The Center for Oral Health (a non @-@ profit organization focusing on promoting oral health) , the Southern California Museum of Medical History , and the Harris Family Center for Disability and Health Policy .

Founded in 1977 , the first program at WesternU was its medical school , the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP) . Since that time , several additional programs have opened . When the College of Veterinary Medicine opened in 2003 , it was the first veterinary school to open in the United States in 20 years . In 2007 , WesternU became the first university in the nation to appoint a female as dean of a veterinary medical school . In 2009 , three new colleges opened : dental medicine , optometry , and podiatric medicine . In 2011 , the university opened an additional campus in Lebanon , Oregon known as the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific - Northwest (COMP @-@ Northwest) . In 2015 , the university 's founding president , Dr. Philip Pumerantz , retired . He was the longest serving founding president of any university in the United States , and the longest serving current university president in the country .

All of the programs at WesternU have professional accreditation , and the university is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges . The medical school (COMP) is also accredited by the American Osteopathic Association 's Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation .

= = History = =

The school originally opened in 1977 as the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP) , offering the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree (D.O.) . COMP was the first osteopathic medical school in California to open after the California College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons became an M.D. granting school , eventually becoming the University of California , Irvine School of Medicine . By 1977 , COMP was the only osteopathic medical school west of the Rocky Mountains , and it remained the only one in California until 1997 , when Touro University California opened in Vallejo . The inaugural class at COMP consisted of 36 students .

In 1986 , the college began offering a second degree , the Master of Science in Health Professions Education . Four years later , the physician assistant program opened , which developed into a masters level program in 2000 . In 1992 , the physical therapy program opened . The Western Association of Schools and Colleges granted the school accreditation in March 1996 , and later that same year , the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific was restructured into a university and given the name " Western University of Health Sciences . " The same year , the first classes in the College of Pharmacy began .

After difficulties with accreditation through the American Veterinary Medical Association 's Council on Education , the College of Veterinary Medicine opened in 1998 . It was the first veterinary medical school to open in the United States since 1983 , and at the time , no member on the Council on Education had ever been involved in accrediting a new veterinary medical school . Classes began in 2003 , and the college earned full accreditation in 2010 . The college was the first veterinary medical school in the United States to appoint a female to the position of dean . In 2008 , the university opened the Banfield Pet Hospital to the public . In 2014 , WesternU assumed sole operation and management of the pet hospital .

In 2009 , three new colleges opened at WesternU : podiatric medicine , optometry , and dental medicine . The following year , in 2010 , the Patient Care Center opened , offering medical , dental , optometric , podiatric and pharmacy services to the community . In 2011 , Western University of Health Sciences opened a new medical school campus in Lebanon , Oregon called the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific Northwest . The university plans to eventually open additional colleges at the Lebanon campus .

In 2015 , the founding president of WesternU retired after serving 38 years as president . At the time , he was the longest serving founding president in the US , and 2nd longest serving current university president in the country . In 2016 , Dr. Daniel R. Wilson became president of the university .

The Chronicle of Higher Education named WesternU as a great college to work for every year from 2012 through 2015 . In 2014 , U.S. News & World Report ranked WesternU 18th among all US medical schools for the percentage of COMP graduates going into primary care residents . The same year (2014) , WesternU received the tenth most applications of any medical school in the United States . The university is the fourth @-@ largest employer in Pomona , with more than 1 @,@ 000 employees , and has greatly contributed to the economic development of downtown , bringing millions of dollars to the area .

= = Academics and accreditation = =

Through its nine colleges , WesternU offers 21 academic programs , each on a semester schedule . Each program at WesternU is post @-@ baccalaureate , focuses on a health sciences profession , and is professionally accredited . The university is regionally accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges . Doctoral degrees include the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine , Doctor of Dental Medicine , Doctor of Optometry , Doctor of Veterinary Medicine , Doctor of Pharmacy , Doctor of Nursing Practice , Doctor of Physical Therapy , and Doctor of Podiatric Medicine .

Several Master of Science (MS) programs are also offered and include the following : Pharmaceutical Sciences , Health Sciences , Physician Assistant Studies , Nursing , Biomedical Sciences , and Medical Sciences . A Master of Science in Health Professions Education is offered to provide educational skills to health professionals interested in teaching . Two distance education programs are offered : the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and Master of Science Nursing (MSN) . All other programs are traditional on @-@ campus programs .

= = = Interprofessional education = = =

WesternU operates an Interprofessional Education (IPE) program , involving all nine of its colleges . Planning for the program began in 2007 and the first phase was implemented later that year . The program 's goals are to improve understanding of other health professions and to provide and promote a team approach to patient @-@ centered care and health care management , leading to improved patient care . While a debate exists on the effectiveness of interprofessional education in encouraging collaborative practice , interprofessional education is becoming a more common component of medical school curriculum in the United States , and many groups , including the World Health Organization , view it as a means of reducing medical errors and improving the health care system .

As a part of the interprofessional education program , students meet in small groups with a faculty facilitator and discuss the non @-@ clinical aspects of complex cases , such as interprofessional knowledge and awareness , financial or ethical challenges and communication barriers . In the 2010 ? 11 academic year , the IPE program involved 850 students and 150 faculty members from the 9 colleges at the university . The development of clinical IPE rotations with grand rounds and journal clubs is being explored .

= = = Research = = =

WesternU conducts research on several subjects in the basic and clinical sciences . The three primary research areas include : neurobiology , molecular / metabolic diseases , and infectious disease / immunology . Specific neurobiology subjects include : Alzheimer 's disease , central nervous system diseases , genetic disorders , environmental pathologies , and stem cell therapy . Specific molecular and metabolic disease subjects include : cancer , cardiovascular disease , diabetes , and obesity . Research on infections and immunology includes tuberculosis , Mad cow disease , avian flu , and Methicillin @-@ resistant Staphylococcus aureus . Research is funded by the National Institute of Health , the OneSight Foundation , The Potts Foundation , American Cancer Society , American Heart Association , the American Lung Association , and the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine .

= = Patient care and education = =

Western University of Health Sciences has two patient care centers , one in Rancho Cucamonga , California , and the other on its main campus in Pomona , California . WesternU opened its first patient care center , a family practice clinic , in 1984 . The Pomona Patient Care Center opened in May 2010 , and serves more than 10 @, @ 000 patients per year . The Patient Care Center includes a Medical Center , Foot & Ankle Center , Eye Care Center , Dental Center and Pharmacy . The center is also home to the Western Diabetes Institute , an accredited diabetes education center . The institute is a patient @-@ centered practice unit designed to provide efficient , high quality care to diabetic patients . The Rancho Cucamonga Patient Care Center opened in 2008 and provides family medicine , internal medicine , and foot and ankle care . WesternU is a member of the Association of Academic Health Centers .

In 1998 , the university established the Harris Family Center for Disability and Health Policy . The Center advocates for the health needs of individuals with disabilities and provides consultation and training to organizations , companies , and hospitals to help them meet the needs of disabled individuals .

The Pumerantz Library provides a diabetes education program to the community in a partnership with the Pomona Public Library . The project aims to help Spanish @-@ speaking members of the community access reliable information about diabetes .

= = Campus = =

= = = Pomona campus = = =

The main campus of WesternU is located in downtown Pomona , California , with an official address of 309 East 2nd Street . The Pomona campus consists of 19 major buildings on 22 acres (8 @. @ 9 ha) , and it has been the main campus since WesternU was founded in 1977 . Upon the school 's founding , a portion of the campus was extensively renovated from an outdoor shopping mall . Since that time , several buildings have been acquired and built , including a patient care center , a pet hospital , classrooms , and research facilities . There are two parks located on the urban campus .

The northeastern corner of campus contains the Health Education Center and Patient Care Center . Both buildings opened in 2010 , along with a parking structure , as a part of a \$ 100 million expansion project at WesternU . The Health Education Center is a 180 @, @ 000 @-@ square @-@ foot teaching and research facility that houses the medical , dentistry , podiatry and optometry schools . The fourth floor of the Health Education Center is dedicated to research . The concrete parking structure has seven levels and contains 600 parking spaces .

Directly west of the Health Education Center is the pet hospital on campus , the WesternU Pet Wellness Center . The facility was established in 2008 as the Banfield Pet Hospital and transitioned to solely WesternU operation in 2014 . The center provides primary care services such as vaccinations , spaying and neutering , microchipping , surgery , dental exams and cleanings , as well as flea , tick and heartworm control . The center includes a surgical suite , an x @-@ ray room , a

half dozen exam rooms and isolation facilities .

A mixed @-@ use building is located south of the pet hospital . The building , called The Daumier , is a 173 @,@ 000 @-@ square @-@ foot mixed @-@ use building with student housing located at 3rd and Linden Street . The building was completed in June 2014 , at an estimated cost of \$ 45 million . The building is located on 3 @.@ 6 acres and provides housing for WesternU students , as well as a fitness center , community pool , media room , and office space for the university . The Daumier was designed to LEED silver specifications . The building was named the Daumier after the 19th century French artist Honoré Daumier .

The central portion of campus contains Ethan Allan Park , the Health Professions Center (HPC) , the Veterinary Medicine Center , and the Health Sciences Center . Ethan Allen Park is located directly west of the Pet Wellness Center . In 2006 , the park was named in honor of Dr. Ethan Allen , founding chairman of the school 's Board of Trustees . The other park on campus is Centennial Park , a Pomona city park on the west end of campus . Directly south of Ethan Allan Park , the Health Professions Center houses the College of Pharmacy and contains several classrooms , research facilities , and a student commons area . The building was built in 1962 and was previously the Pomona Buffum 's department store . The university acquired the building in 1992 , after first receiving the option to buy . The Center for Oral Health , a non @-@ profit organization focusing on promoting oral health , is based in the Health Professions Center . In late 2012 , the Center for Oral Health moved its headquarters from the bay area of California to the WesternU campus and established an affiliation with the university . The Health Sciences Center is located directly west of the Health Professions Center . The HSC is a two @-@ story , 72 @,@ 000 @-@ square @-@ foot building that contains the anatomy laboratory , an osteopathic manipulative medicine laboratory , and classroom space . The physical therapy program is based in this building , as well as the tutoring program . The Health Sciences Center was formerly a Nash Department Store . The university began using the building in 1990 , and then purchased it in 1993 .

The western portion of campus contains the Rodney P. Weinberg Center , which is home to the university 's research center , the Pumerantz Library , and the Anderson Tower , formerly known as the Chase Bank building . The Weinberg Center contains 8 @,@ 550 square feet dedicated to research purposes . The Weinberg Center building was originally a JCPenney . The Pumerantz Library , a 35 @,@ 000 @-@ square @-@ foot building , is located on the west edge of campus (3rd Street) . The library opened at this location in August 2001 , after the university acquired the building in 1998 . The building was originally constructed in 1929 , and previously housed a switching station for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company . In 2015 , the Southern California Medical Museum opened at a new location on the WesternU campus .

On the western edge of campus , located on Garey avenue and Second Street , is the Anderson Tower , a seven @-@ story , 70 @,@ 000 @-@ square @-@ foot building . It was built in 1963 , and WesternU purchased the building from JP Morgan Chase in September 2013 . The same month , WesternU reached an agreement with a power company , Washington Gas , to build 2 @,@ 688 solar panels on three campus buildings . The solar panels were completed in February 2014 , and will produce more than 1 @,@ 100 megawatt hours of energy each year .

= = = Oregon branch campus = = =

WesternU also operates a second branch campus on 50 acres in the town of Lebanon . The official address of the Oregon campus is 200 Mullins Drive . The sole program offered at the Oregon campus is osteopathic medicine (DO) , although the university plans to establish additional programs at that campus .

The Oregon campus is across the street from Samaritan Health Services ' Lebanon Community Hospital , Groundbreaking for the medical school campus began in June 2009 , and it opened for classes in August 2011 . The new 55 @,@ 000 @-@ square @-@ foot (5 @,@ 100 m2) building cost about \$ 15 million , and is the main component of a 50 @-@ acre medical campus .

= = = Campus safety = = =

Each year , WesternU publishes a safety report , cataloguing any crimes that occur on campus . In 2014 on the Pomona campus , there were three cases of burglary , 7 cases of larceny , one motor vehicle theft , and no cases of aggravated assault or robbery . In 2014 , no crimes were reported on the Oregon campus .

= = Students = =

A total of 3 @, @ 862 students are in attendance at WesternU for the 2014 ? 15 academic year . The average student age is 28 years . About 62 percent of WesternU students are female ; 38 percent are male . About 36 % are White / Non @-@ Hispanic , 33 % Asian / Pacific Islander , 11 % Hispanic , 11 % identify as two or more ethnicities , 3 % African @-@ American , and the remaining students are of unknown ethnicity (6 %) .

Students at WesternU participate in a number of clubs on campus and an active student government association . There are several professional fraternities on campus , including Sigma Sigma Phi , Kappa Psi , Beta Sigma Kappa , Delta Sigma Delta , and Phi Lambda Sigma .

There is a theater troupe on campus , which hosts regular performance events . Students from the medical school (COMP) originally formed the theater group in 1985 . The students named their troupe " Sanus , " which is the Latin word for " sanity . " The students said they used the opportunity to act and perform plays as means of relieving stress . The theater troupe remains active , and students from other colleges also participate .

Other officially recognized student organizations on campus include the following :

= = People = =

= = = Faculty = = =

WesternU employs 313 full @-@ time faculty and 38 part @-@ time faculty . Some notable faculty members include :

Clinton E. Adams , DO , MPA , FACHE , a former Rear Admiral in the US Navy .

Brion Benninger , MD , MSc editor of ' Gray 's Anatomy 40th edition ' and ' Netter 's Atlas of Human Anatomy.'

Lawrence B. Harkless , DPM , founding member of the ADA Council on the Diabetic Foot ; sometimes described as the " father of diabetic foot care . "

Joseph Gambone , DO , MPH , author of Essentials of Obstetrics and Gynecology . Gambone Peak on Antarctica was named in his honor in 1970 .

Lee Rogers , DPM , professor of podiatry and prior democratic nominee for US Congress in California 's 25th district in 2012 .

Matt J. Wedel , PhD , paleontologist and professor of anatomy , authored papers naming Aquilops (2014) , Brontomerus (2011) , and Sauroposeidon (2000) .

= = = Alumni = = =

As of 2015 , a total of 12 @, @ 435 graduates completed study at WesternU . At the completion of the 2014 @-@ 15 academic year , 1 @, @ 124 students graduated from WesternU . Some notable alumni include :

Jon W. Fong , DO class of 1984 , medical advisor to the former hit television show ER .

Susan Melvin , DO class of 1984 , is a professor of medicine (UCI and WesternU) and Chief Medical Officer at Long Beach Memorial Hospital .

Stan Flemming , DO class of 1985 , a former Washington State Republican Legislator , University Place councilman , and retired United States Army Reserve general .

William W. Henning , DO class of 1986 , the Chief Medical Officer for Inland Empire Health Plan .

Cynthia Stotts , DO class of 1988 , the first female and the first DO physician in the 158 @-@ year history of LA County / USC Medical Center to be elected Chief of Medical Staff .

James Lally , DO class of 1991 , the President and Chief Medical Officer of Chino Valley Medical Center . Also the team physician for the US Olympic Shooting Team .

Lee Burnett , DO class of 1997 , a U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel , is also the founder and executive director of Student Doctor Network .

Lindsey VanDyke , DO class of 2013 , author of Bow Ties , Butterflies and Band @-@ Aids .