

# PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM

## “STEPS TO ADMISSION”

PROGRAM FACTS, ELIGIBILITY, ADVISING AND APPLICATION PROCESS

### Program Facts

1. Program leads to an Associate of Science degree
  - a. Begins one time per year, mid-June
  - b. 15-month curriculum
  - c. Website <http://www.llu.edu/allied-health/sahp/pt/pta.page>
2. Graduates take National PTA Exam for state licensure

### Eligibility requirements

1. Completion of specific college prerequisite courses (32 semester/48 quarter units)
  - a. Courses must be completed at a **regionally accredited\*** institution
  - b. Completion prior to start of PTA program
  - c. Courses may be in-progress at time of application
  - d. Minimum 2.5 GPA in science prerequisites
  - e. Minimum 2.5 GPA in non-science prerequisites
  - f. <http://www.llu.edu/allied-health/sahp/transfer/index.page?>
2. Personal interview with program faculty
3. Writing assessment at time of interview
3. Three recommendations
4. Verification of Observation Hours: 80 hours total
  - a. Minimum 20 hrs. in inpatient PT setting
  - b. Minimum 20 hrs. in outpatient PT setting
  - c. See *Verification Form* on PTA webpage
  - d. Submit verification directly to program office

### Application process

1. Online application <http://www.llu.edu/apply/>
  - a. Best time to apply: August 1 through November 1
  - b. Final deadline: April 1
2. Interviews begin in December for *qualified* applicants
  - a. At least two of three science courses completed
  - b. Academic plan to complete prerequisites by June
  - c. Recommendations and transcripts received
3. Rolling admissions continue until class is filled and “Alternates” list is formed

## Academic Advising

1. By email/phone: Full copy, unofficial college transcripts required for advising
  - a. Fax: 909 558-0466
  - b. Phone: 909 558-4634
  - c. Email: [jmendes@llu.edu](mailto:jmendes@llu.edu)
2. In person: call for appointment
  - a. 909 558-4634
  - b. Toll-free: 1-800-422-4558, #1, then #4, and ask for "PTA Program."

## Costs

1. Tuition and fees, 15 month program, 2015-16: \$29,500.
2. Course materials and technology fees: approx. \$1,000
3. See webpage for more details
4. LLU Financial Aid office: 909 558-4509
5. <http://www.llu.edu/central/ssweb/finaid/apply.page>
6. FASA information: [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)
  - a. Submit FAFSA form as early as possible in January or February of the year funding is needed

## Questions?

Contact us:

- a. Office: 909 558-4634
- b. Toll-free: 1-800-422-4558, select #1 and then #4 for the School of Allied Health Professions and ask for the PTA Program
- c. [jmendes@llu.edu](mailto:jmendes@llu.edu)
- d. [jlevans@llu.edu](mailto:jlevans@llu.edu)

We look forward to hearing from you!

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**Regional accreditation:** see <http://www.chea.org/> for definition and listing of regionally accredited institutions of higher education whose credits will be accepted by LLU.