

Loma Linda University  
PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM  
**STEPS TO ADMISSION**



**The PTA Program**

- Leads to an *associate of science* degree in physical therapy
- **Begins in mid-June**, one time per year,
- 15-months at LLU after completion & transfer of prerequisite coursework
- Graduates are eligible to take the National PTA Exam for state licensure
- More details on program webpage:  
<https://alliedhealth.llu.edu/academics/physical-therapy/physical-therapist-assistant-pta>
- Virtual LLU Campus Tour: <https://vimeo.com/311332648>

**Eligibility Requirements**

- Transfer of specific college prerequisite courses (32 semester/48 quarter units)
  - See separate pdf with list of prerequisites
  - Courses must be completed prior to start of PTA program
  - Courses may be in-progress at time of application
  - Minimum 2.5 GPA in science prerequisites
  - Minimum 2.5 GPA in non-science prerequisites
  - See link for transfer patterns: <http://www.llu.edu/allied-health/sahp/transfer/index.page?>
  - Observation hours are waived due to pandemic for current application cycle: Sept 2020 through June 2021

**Academic Advising**

- **For advising** on prerequisite coursework, send unofficial transcripts by email to [sahpadmissions@llu.edu](mailto:sahpadmissions@llu.edu) and include **“PTA” in the subject line.**

**Application Process**

- *PTA Centralized Application Service* (PTA-CAS) opens September 15, 2020
  - Apply here: <https://alliedhealth.llu.edu/academics/physical-therapy/physical-therapist-assistant-pta>
  - Best time to apply: September 15 through December 1, 2020
  - Admissions process timeline: Rolling
  - Coursework may be in-progress at time of application
  - Final deadline for PTA-CAS: March 1, 2021

- Interviews begin in December for *qualified* applicants who will have
  - At least two of three science courses completed
  - An academic plan to complete prerequisite coursework by June
  - Recommendations and transcripts submitted to PTA-CAS

### Admissions Process

- Personal interview with a program faculty member
- Writing assessment at time of interview
- Three recommendations submitted to PTA-CAS
- ***Waived for current admissions cycle:*** Observation Hours: 80 hours total
  - ~~○ Minimum 20 hrs. in inpatient Physical Therapy setting~~
  - ~~○ Minimum 20 hrs. in outpatient Physical Therapy setting~~
  - ~~○ See Documentation/Verification Form on PTA webpage~~
  - ~~○ Submit verification directly to program office~~
- Admission decisions begin in January and continue until class is filled.
  - Other eligible candidates may be given status of “Alternate” and may be admitted if opening occurs in group of initial admissions

### Costs

- 15 month program = \$33,145 (2020-2021 program)
  - Includes Tuition, fees and course materials
- LLU Financial Aid Office: 909 558-4509
- For more details <http://www.llu.edu/central/ssweb/finaid/apply.page>
- FASA information: [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)
  - Submit FAFSA form as early as possible

### Questions?

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