

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,
- Requires 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 2022

Academic Advising

- **For advising** on prerequisite coursework, send unofficial transcripts by email to sahp admissions@llu.edu and include **“PTA” in the subject line.**

Application Process

- *PTA Centralized Application Service* (PTA-CAS) opens September 15, 2021
Apply here: Here is the direct link to the PTA-CAS <https://ptacas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>
 - Best time to apply: September 15 through December 1, 2021, for the June 2022 cohort
 - Admissions process timeline: Rolling
 - Coursework may be in-progress at time of application
 - Final deadline for PTA-CAS: March 1, 2022

- Interviews begin in December for *qualified* applicants who will have
 - Completed at least two of three science prerequisite courses
 - 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 = \$33,240 (2021-2022 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
 - Submit FAFSA form as early as possible

Questions?

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