

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 [gbelmontes@llu.edu](mailto:gbelmontes@llu.edu) and **include “PTA” in the subject line.**

**Application Process**

- *PTA Application* opens August 1st
- Apply here: Here is the direct link to application: [LLU PTA Application](#)
- Best time to apply: August 1 - November 1, for the following cohort
  - Admissions process timeline: Rolling
  - Coursework may be in-progress at time of application
  - Final deadline for PTA application: April 1

- 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 LLU

### Admissions Process

- Personal interview with a program faculty member
- Writing assessment at time of interview
- Three recommendations submitted to LLU
- **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 = \$34,604 (2022-2023 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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