

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://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wtsk_eiLFM8

Eligibility Requirements

- Transfer of specific college prerequisite courses (32 semester/48 quarter units)
 - o See separate pdf with list of prerequisites
 - o Courses must be completed prior to start of PTA program
 - o Courses may be in-progress at time of application
 - o Minimum 2.5 GPA in science prerequisites
 - o Minimum 2.5 GPA in non-science prerequisites
 - o See link for transfer patterns: <https://alliedhealth.llu.edu/admissions/transfer-patterns>

Academic Advising

- **For advising** on prerequisite coursework, send unofficial transcripts by email to 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](#)
- o Best time to apply: August 1 - November 1, for the following cohort
 - o Admissions process timeline: Rolling
 - o Coursework may be in-progress at time of application
 - o Final deadline for PTA application: April 1

- Interviews begin in December for *qualified* applicants who will have
 - o Completed at least two of three science prerequisite courses
 - o An academic plan to complete prerequisite coursework by June
 - o 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
- Observation Hours: 80 hours total with a licensed PT or PTA
 - o Minimum 20 hrs. in inpatient Physical Therapy setting
 - o Minimum 20 hrs. in outpatient Physical Therapy setting
 - o See *Documentation/Verification Form* on PTA webpage
 - o Submit verification directly to program office
- Admission decisions begin in January and continue until class is filled.
 - o 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 = \$37,400 (2023-2024 program)
 - o Includes Tuition, fees and course materials
- LLU Financial Aid Office: (909) 558-4509
- For more details [Financial Aid | Loma Linda University \(llu.edu\)](https://www.llu.edu/financial-aid)
- FASA information: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- o Submit FAFSA form as early as possible

Questions?

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