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](https://alliedhealth.llu.edu/academics/physical-therapy/physical-therapist-assistant-pta)
- Virtual LLU Campus Tour: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wtsk_eILFM8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wtsk_eILFM8)

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: [https://alliedhealth.llu.edu/admissions/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](https://alliedhealth.llu.edu/academics/physical-therapy/physical-therapist-assistant-pta)
  - 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
  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)
• FASA information: https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa
  o Submit FAFSA form as early as possible

Questions?
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