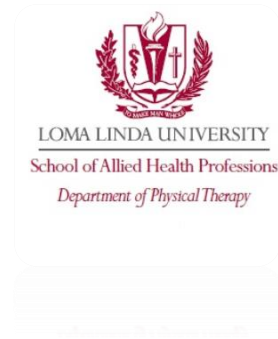


# Loma Linda University

## 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](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
- 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>

#### Academic Advising

- **For advising** on prerequisite coursework, send unofficial transcripts by email to [andlopez@llu.edu](mailto:andlopez@llu.edu) or [rjhubbard@llu.edu](mailto:rjhubbard@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: May 1

- Interviews begin in Fall Quarter 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 ([andlopez@llu.edu](mailto:andlopez@llu.edu)).
- Admission decisions begin when applicants have completed the process above and have met or have a plan to meet the educational requirements prior to the start of the next cohort
  - o 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 = \$37,500 (2025-2026 program)
  - o Includes Tuition, fees and course materials
  - o Housing and living expenses are not factored
  - o Approximate total cost for licensure: \$1000 (not factored above as this is completed after completion of program)
- LLU Financial Aid Office: (909) 558-4509
- For more details [Financial Aid | Loma Linda University \(llu.edu\)](#)
- FAFSA information: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
  - o Submit FAFSA form as early as possible

### **Questions?**

- PTA Office: 909-558-4634
  - o Andrea Lopez, Administrative Assistant Sr.
  - o [Andlopez@llu.edu](mailto:Andlopez@llu.edu)