

## Loma Linda University Physical Therapist Assistant Program

### Admission Tips for Prospective PTA Students

- **Submit** your online **application early** (Between August 1 and November 1 for the following June start date).
- Complete all the science coursework prerequisites as early in your admission cycle as possible. The science GPA is very significant in determining eligibility and early admission.
- **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.**
- Secure funding for your education early. Apply for financial aid early even if you have not received an acceptance letter yet. [Financial aid](#)
- Visit our campus, attend one of our open houses or information sessions, call and ask questions, or schedule an appointment so that you can talk to us about your educational goals.
- Ask questions.
- Keep track of who you speak with when contacting our school. This will help us better serve you when you contact us again.
- Start a personal file and make personal copies of admissions elements before you submit them. Print out a copy of your application.
- Keep in contact with the desired SAHP department regarding your admission status.
- Submit requests to your school(s) for your final college transcripts immediately after you submit your LLU application, so that they can be forwarded to us asap. [Transcript request form](#)
- Remember: When official transcripts are required, do not send your own college transcripts or personally deliver them. They will not be accepted as “official” and you will be asked to have another copy sent. Request that your transcripts be sent directly from your previous institution(s) to LLU.
- When completing your application online, write down your login LLU Login ID and PIN for future use. **If you forget your login ID, you will be required to complete a new application. Your PIN can be retrieved with your Login.**
- Check your application status online by logging in with your LLU Login ID and PIN and follow-up on missing items.
- Processing applications take several weeks to complete once you have submitted your online application and fee. International student applications take longer.
- If you have difficulty finding a required prerequisite course, contact [andlopez@llu.edu](mailto:andlopez@llu.edu) or [rjhubbard@llu.edu](mailto:rjhubbard@llu.edu) for advising. Some courses may be taken online or at LLU. Science courses are recommended to be taken in a classroom/lab setting.
- Study hard to achieve the highest grades possible on prerequisite courses. Note that grades of C- or below cannot be transferred to LLU for credit. LLU will recognize the last grade of repeated courses.
- Please notify SAHP Admissions of any changes which occur after submission of your application, such as name, address, email, phone, projected coursework, current course work, deferred acceptance, and declined offers of acceptance.
- Note: Application fees and admission deposits are nonrefundable.

- In order to confirm your admission if you are accepted, you must send in the required deposit to ensure your acceptance is final.
- International students must use an LLU-approved transcript evaluation service and have their evaluations sent directly to LLU. See the [international student page](#) for the latest information.
- International students are encouraged to begin their transcript evaluation process before applying by sending their transcripts to a LLU-approved evaluation center. This process may take several weeks or months.
- Search online for scholarships pertaining to your chosen profession.
- Observe or shadow PTs and/or PTAs at clinical sites to help make your career choice. Professional exposure and experiences benefit the student.
- When sending or requesting information, please include your full name, contact email.