

# Loma Linda University -- Physical Therapist Assistant Program

## Prerequisite Coursework Check Sheet

**Required:** A minimum GPA of 2.5 in the science and in non-science prerequisite courses and a minimum total of 48 quarter units/32 semester units (including prerequisites), transferred from an accredited college/university. Applicants with an earned bachelor's degree in any subject need to complete **only** the prerequisites marked with asterisks (\*\*). **For advising on prerequisite coursework, send unofficial transcripts by email to [sahp admissions@llu.edu](mailto:sahp admissions@llu.edu), include "PTA" in the subject line.**

Natural Sciences	
<b>**Human Anatomy and Physiology with laboratory, two-course sequence</b> preferred; or General Biology with laboratory, complete sequence accepted. (included in science GPA)	
<b>** Introduction to Physics with laboratory</b> , one quarter or one sem. (included in science GPA)	
Mathematics	
<b>**Two years of high school-level mathematics</b> selected from Algebra I (elementary), Algebra II (intermediate), geometry, with grades C (2.0) or better. (May be taken in high school or college. If taken in college, intermediate algebra required and credits are not transferable.)	
Humanities	
<b>One course</b> - Minimum of 4 quarter units or 3 semester units. American history, Literature, Foreign Language (not ESL), Philosophy. Art/Music (performing arts limited to 2 quarter units).	
Social Sciences:	
<b>**General Psychology</b>	
<b>**A Second Psychology course</b> chosen from the following: Growth and Development (preferred); Developmental psychology or Abnormal psychology.	
Communication	
Written: <b>English:</b> 8 qtr units/6 sem units. Freshman English sequence (preferred). Include one course in writing skills.	
<b>**Oral: Public speaking</b> (preferred). Interpersonal communication (accepted).	
Health and Wellness	
<b>Health Education. Or two courses of Physical Education</b>	
**Medical Terminology:	
Can be fulfilled by an accredited college credit course or as a certificate course if taken from an approved site (see next page)	
Electives:	
If needed, elective courses from the above-listed domains may be selected to complete the general education minimum requirements of 48 quarter units or 32 semester units.	
Physical Therapy Observation or Work Experience:	
Minimum of 80 hours of observation (volunteer) under the supervision of a Physical Therapist or a PT Assistant, or employment/work experience, with at least 20 hours in an in-patient PT setting and 20 hours in an out-patient PT setting.	
Spiritual Heritage:/ Religion courses: Required only if transferring from a Seventh-day Adventist college or university:	
1-12 units = 1 REL unit, 13-24 units = 2 REL units, 25-36 = 3 REL units, 37+ = 4 REL units MAX	
International Students: May be subject to additional admissions requirements.	

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**Guidelines for Medical Terminology Courses and Certificates of Completion**

1. PTA program applicants may complete courses that result in **college credit** or a **certificate**.
  - a. All college-level medical terminology (MT) courses for which **college credit** is assigned are **acceptable** and transferable for credit to LLU.
  - b. The MT course grade is NOT included in calculations for the GPAs UNLESS the course is needed as an elective to fulfill the minimum number of units that are required to be transferred to LLU above and beyond the minimum number of prerequisite course units (48 quarter units or 32 semester units). In this case, it will be included in the “non-science” GPA calculation.
  - c. If an approved MT **certificate course** is completed, the “college course” requirement will be waived by the program director once the program receives a copy of the certificate of completion.
  
2. If the student has completed--or wishes to complete--a medical terminology **certificate course** that is not listed below, the student will need to supply additional information to gain approval:
  - a. **Send a copy of the certificate to the program office with a copy of the course description or the link where it can be found online**
  - b. Course content must include use of root words, suffixes, prefixes and application to human body systems.
  - c. Approved courses are typically entirely devoted to *medical terminology* and where medical terminology is not simply part of the content delivered in the course.
  
3. The list below includes **examples** of college and certificate courses that are approved –this is not an exhaustive list.
  - a. **Universal Class** <http://www.universalclass.com/i/crn/30445.htm>
  - b. **Corexcel** <http://www.corexcel.com/html/online.medical.terminology.htm> (\$20 discount by using the code LomaLinda)
  - c. **Expert Rating** [www.expertrating.com/certifications/Medical-Terminology-Certification/Medical-Terminology-Certification.asp](http://www.expertrating.com/certifications/Medical-Terminology-Certification/Medical-Terminology-Certification.asp)
  - d. **StraighterLine** <http://www.straighterline.com/online-college-courses/health-science/medical-terminology/medte101mghsl001000001-b.html>
  - e. **Ed2go Online Career Training:**  
[www.gatlineducation.com/unbranded/medical\\_terminology\\_course\\_outline.html](http://www.gatlineducation.com/unbranded/medical_terminology_course_outline.html)
  - f. **University of Phoenix** <http://www.phoenix.edu/courses/hca/hca220.html>