PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM

STEPS TO ADMISSION

PROGRAM FACTS, ELIGIBILITY, ADVISING AND APPLICATION PROCESS

The PTA Program

1. Leads to an *associate of science* degree in physical therapy
2. Begins one time per year, mid-June
3. Consists of a 15-month curriculum at LLU after completion of prerequisite courses
4. Graduates are eligible to take the National PTA Exam for state licensure

Eligibility Requirements

1. Transfer of specific college prerequisite courses (32 semester/48 quarter units)
   a. Courses must be completed at a *regionally accredited* institution
   b. Courses must be completed prior to start of PTA program
   c. Courses may be in-progress at time of application
   d. Minimum 2.5 GPA in science prerequisites
   e. Minimum 2.5 GPA in non-science prerequisites
2. Personal interview with program faculty
3. Writing assessment at time of interview
4. Three recommendations via online application system
5. Verification of Observation Hours: 80 hours total
   a. Minimum 20 hrs. in inpatient Physical Therapy setting
   b. Minimum 20 hrs. in outpatient Physical Therapy setting
   c. See Document/Verification Form on PTA webpage
   d. Submit verification directly to program office

Application Process

1. Online application [http://home.llu.edu/academics/how-apply](http://home.llu.edu/academics/how-apply)
   a. Best time to apply: August 1 through November 1
   b. Final deadline: April 1
   c. Transcript submission may be electronic or official hard-copy: see website above for details

2. Interviews begin in December for qualified applicants who will have
   a. At least two of three science courses completed
   b. An academic plan to complete prerequisites by June
   c. Recommendations and transcripts received

3. “Rolling admissions” decisions continue until class is filled and “Alternate” list is formed.
Academic Advising

1. By email/phone: Full copy, unofficial college transcripts required for advising
   a. Fax: (909) 558-0466
   b. Email: jmendes@llu.edu

2. In person: call for appointment (909) 558-4634

Costs

   a. Includes course materials, enrollment fees and technology fees
2. See webpage for more details http://alliedhealth.llu.edu/academics/physical-therapy/degree-options/physical-therapist-assistant-pta
3. LLU Financial Aid Office:
   a. 909 558-4509
   c. FASA information: www.studentaid.ed.gov
   d. Submit FAFSA form as early as possible in January or February of the year funding is needed

Questions?

Contact us:
   a. Office: (909) 558-4634
   b. Jeannine Mendes, Program Director jmendes@llu.edu
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We look forward to hearing from you!

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*Regional accreditation: see http://www.chea.org/ for definition & listing of regionally accredited institutions of higher education whose credits will be accepted by LLU.