

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,
- 15-month program 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:
<http://alliedhealth.llu.edu/academics/physical-therapy/degree-options/physical-therapist-assistant-pta>

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
 - <http://www.llu.edu/allied-health/sahp/transfer/index.page?>
 - Completion of observation hours (see page 2)

Academic Advising

- **For advising** on prerequisite coursework, send unofficial transcripts by email to sahpmissions@llu.edu and **include “PTA” in the subject line.**

Application Process

- Online application <http://home.llu.edu/academics/how-apply>
 - Best time to apply: August 1 through November 1
 - Final deadline: April 1
 - Transcript submission may be electronic or official hard-copy: see website above for details
- Interviews begin in December for *qualified* applicants who will have
 - At least two of three science courses completed
 - An academic plan to complete prerequisite coursework by June
 - Recommendations and transcripts received by LLU

Admissions Process

- Personal interview with program faculty
- Writing assessment at time of interview
- Three recommendations via online application system
- Verification of Observation Hours: 80 hours total
 - Minimum 20 hrs. in inpatient Physical Therapy setting
 - Minimum 20 hrs. in outpatient Physical Therapy setting
 - See *Documentation/Verification Form* on PTA webpage
 - Submit verification directly to program office
- Admission decision begin in January and continue until class is filled.
 - Eligible candidates may be given status of “Alternate” and may be admitted if opening occurs in group of initial admissions

Costs

- 15 month program = \$31,374 (2018-2019 program)
 - Includes Tuition, fees and course materials
- LLU Financial Aid Office: 909 558-4509
- <http://www.llu.edu/central/ssweb/finaid/apply.page>
- FASA information: www.studentaid.ed.gov
 - Submit FAFSA form as early as possible

Questions?

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