

Pacific Union College

Pre-Occupational Therapy Assisting for Admission to Loma Linda University

INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DEGREE

General Areas of Service:

The occupational therapy assistant, together with the occupational therapist works with persons who find it difficult to cope with physical or psychological dysfunction. Common disabilities seen include stroke, paralysis, brain damage, accidents of hands and arms, arthritis, birth and developmental disabilities, and emotional and mental illnesses. The occupational therapist evaluates the patient's function and sets up a specific treatment plan with the patient and makes any special equipment as needed to assist the patient in adapting to his environment. Independence in self-care (dressing, feeding, grooming) and work skills (homemaking, office work, construction, etc.) is achieved through therapeutic activities which may be the actual activities (cleaning house, running a drill press, etc.) or work simulated activities through ceramics, woodworking, leatherwork, etc. Practice may be in general hospitals, rehabilitation centers, crippled children's schools, geriatric homes, outpatient or home-care community programs, and private practice.

Professional Training:

An Associate degree in occupational therapy assisting and successfully passing the national certification examination are required to enter the profession.

Denominational Opportunities:

Currently there are strong demands for occupational therapy assistants.

Job Outlook:

Employment far exceeds the number of graduates in almost all areas of the United States. Many part-time positions are also available for occupational therapy assistants.

Earnings:

Beginning salaries for new graduates in this area average \$25,000 to \$35,000 a year.

For More Information:

Department of Occupational Therapy
School of Allied Health Professions
Loma Linda University
Loma Linda, CA 92350
(909) 824-4628 or (800) 422-4558

American Occupational Therapy Association
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P.O. Box 1725
Rockville, MD 2085

COURSES REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION

(Admission requirements for 2006-2007 academic year.)

Pre-Occupational Therapy Assisting for Admission to the A.A. Degree Program of Loma Linda University: 48 hours distributed as follows:

Communication

COMM 105	Speech Communication	3
CPTR 105	Introduction to Computers	3
ENGL 101	College English	4
ENGL 102	College English	4

Cultural Heritage

HIST 134 or 135	History of the US	4
MUHL 105	Survey of Music	3
<i>(or ART 105 History of Western Art)</i>		

Natural Sciences and Mathematics

BIOL 101	Human Anatomy	5
BIOL 102	Human Physiology	5
MATH 096	Intermediate Algebra <i>(if needed)</i>	(4)
<i>(or 2 years of high school math with C grade or better)</i>		
<i>MATH 019 and 096 course will not transfer to LLU.</i>		
PHYS 105 and 106	(Intro to Physics & Lab (Preferred))	6
<i>(or CHEM 101 Introductory Chemistry 4)</i>		

Social Sciences

PSYC 121	General Psychology	4
SOCI 121	Intro to Sociology	4
<i>(or ANTH 124 Cultural Anthropology)</i>		

Religion

4

Other Requirements (One of the Following)

ART 121	Drawing Fundamentals I	2
ART 141	Ceramics I	2
ART 144	Clay Sculpture	2

Electives to meet the minimum of 48 units

Work Experience: 40 hours of work/observation experience of voluntary or paid employment in an occupational therapy department. It is recommended that the required hours be completed at two or more different departments to obtain the broadest experience possible. This requirement should be completed prior to completing the application to the program. It is advised that students complete their 40 hours before December 1 prior the year for which they apply.

SAMPLE ONE-YEAR PROGRAM AT PUC

This sample curriculum is designed to show you how a program may be constructed and to help you select a proper sequence of courses in the major. It is not likely that these courses can always be taken in the order given. Your advisor will help you design a personalized program of studies.

First Year	A	W	S
College English	4	4	-
U.S. History	-	4	-
Human Anatomy	5	-	-
Human Physiology	-	5	-
General Psychology (or Sociology)	-	-	4
Cultural Anthropology	-	-	4
Mathematics	4	-	-
Speech Communication	-	-	3
Survey of Music (or History of Western Art)	-	-	3
Ceramics I (or ART 121 or 144)	2	-	-
Religion	2	-	2
Intro to Computers	-	3	-
	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>

Second Year

(at Loma Linda University)

The Occupational Assisting program begins the end of September.

Courses with grades of C- or lower will not transfer to Loma Linda University.

The applicant is advised to contact the chair of the LLU School of Allied Health Professions, Department of Occupational Therapy early in the fall quarter of the freshman year.