Course Requirements

48 hours distributed as follows:

Domain 1: Religion & Humanities

► Religion
Take 4 hours of religion courses: 4
(4 hours required per year of attendance at a SDA College)

► Humanities
Take one course from the following: 3-4
ARTH 115 History of Western Art I (4)
ARTH 116 History of Western Art II (4)
MUHL 105 Survey of Music (3)
ENGL 212 Shakespeare in Performance (2-3)
ENGL 301 Themes in Literature (4)
ENGL 331 Literature for Adolescents (4)
PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy (4)
HIST 101+102 History of World Civ I, II (4+4)
HIST 134+135 History of the United States I, II (4+4)
Any foreign language

Domain 2: Scientific Inquiry & Analysis

► Natural Sciences
Take the following required courses:
BIOL 101 Human Anatomy 5
BIOL 102 Human Physiology 5
PHYS 105/106L Intro to Physics/Lab 6

Noncredit algebra requirement- take one of the following: 0
2 years of high school Algebra with a grade of C or better (0)
MATH 096 Basic Algebra II (4)
This course is remedial and will not count for credit.

► Social Sciences
Take the following required course: 4
PSYC 121 General Psychology (4)
Take at least one of the following courses: 4
PSYC 234 Human Development (4)
PSYC 358 Abnormal Psychology (4)

Domain 3: Communication

Take the following required courses:
ENGL 101+102 College English I, II 4+4

Take one of the following courses: 3
COMM 105 Introduction to Communication (3)
COMM 226 Public Speaking (3)

Domain 4: Health & Wellness

Take at least one of the following options: 2-3
FDNT 235 Nutrition (3)
HLED 162 Fitness for Life (2)
HLED 166 Health Education (2)
2 ESAC (Exercise Science Activity) courses (1+1)

Domain 5: Electives
Take additional electives as needed to meet the minimum requirement of 48 transferable quarter hours.

Observation/Work Experience:
Students are required to complete a minimum of 80 hours work experience (volunteer/employee) in a physical therapy department, including 20 hours in an in-patient setting.

PLEASE NOTE that C minus (C-) grades are not transferable for credit to Loma Linda University

Health Sciences, A.S.

Pacific Union College offers an A.S. degree with a major in Health Sciences. This major can be taken in conjunction with the pre-physical therapy assisting requirements. For more information, see guidesheet NHSC-03 or contact the Health Sciences advisor in the Nursing and Health Sciences Department.
Sample One-Year Program

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.*

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Second Year is taken at Loma Linda University.

* Note that MATH 096 must be taken if H.S. requirements have not been met. MATH 096 will not transfer to LLU. MATH 095 is a prerequisite for MATH 096.

** See “Courses Requirements” for requirements and options when selecting courses in the various areas.

Occupational Information

About This Profession

The physical therapist assistant curriculum leads to the associate in science degree and professional certification. The program begins with the sophomore year and is based on the Loma Linda campus. Instruction begins in June; graduation is the following June, upon the completion of all coursework and clinical affiliations completed during summer quarter following graduation.

General Areas of Service

The physical therapy assistant is a skilled technical health worker who, under the supervision of the physical therapist, assists in the patient treatment program. The extent to which the assistant is involved in treatment depends upon the policies of the health facility, the supervising therapist, and the patient. Physical therapy assistants are in demand; graduates have a wide choice of opportunities with medical groups, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, outpatient clinics, national and state agencies, and schools of physical therapy.

Professional Training

Successful completion of one year of pre-professional training and 15 months of professional training allows the candidate to write state board licensing examinations as required.

Job Outlook

Employment opportunities are expected to grow in the foreseeable future.

Earnings

Starting salaries average about $35,000+ per year.

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The applicant is advised to contact the LLU office of Physical Therapist Assistant early in the fall quarter of the freshman year.

Note: The Physical Therapist Assistant program begins in June.

To apply online go to: http://www.llu.edu/apply/

Note: Admission requirements are subject to change each year.