

Course Requirements

Please note: Beginning in 2013, Loma Linda University will require the completion of a baccalaureate degree prior to admission to the Occupational Therapy program.

96 hours distributed as follows:

Domain 1: Religion & Humanities

Minimum, 20 quarter hours distributed as follows

➤ **Religion**

Take 4-8 hours of religion courses: 4-8
(4 hours required per year of attendance at a SDA College)

➤ **Humanities**

Take the remaining 12-16 hours from at least three of the following areas: 12-16

- Art; Music (max 4 hours of applied art and music)
- Literature; Philosophy
- History; Foreign Language.

The following courses are recommended:

- 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 Great Books (4)
- PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy (4)
- HIST 101-102 History of World Civilizations (4-4)
- HIST 134-135 History of the United States (4-4)
- Any foreign language (Spanish is highly recommended)

Domain 2: Scientific Inquiry & Analysis

➤ **Natural Sciences**

Take the following required sequence: 5 + 5
BIOL 101-102 Human Anatomy & Physiology

Take one course from the following areas: 3-6
Chemistry; Physics, Physical Science

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 Intermediate Algebra (4)
This course is remedial and will not count for credit.

➤ **Social Sciences**

Take the following required courses: 4
PSYC 121 General Psychology 4
PSYC 234 Human Development 4
SOC 121 Introduction to Sociology 4

Domain 3: Communication

Take the following required courses: 4 + 4
ENGL 101-102 College English

Take at least one course from the following: 3
COMM 105 Intro to Communication (3)
COMM 226 Public Speaking (3)

Domain 4: Health & Wellness

Take at least one course from the following: 2-3
FDNT 235 Nutrition (3)
HLED 162 Fitness for Life (2)
HLED 166 Health Education (2)

Take at least two courses from the following: 1 + 1
ESAC (Exercise Science Activity) courses

Domain 5: Electives

Take additional electives as needed to meet the minimum requirement of 96 transferable quarter hours.

Work Experience

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

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

Occupational Information

General Areas of Service

Occupational therapists work with clients across the lifespan from newborn infants to the elderly. Intervention strategies include creatively using therapeutic activities to address clients' diverse needs in the following realms: motor, sensory, cognitive, visual, perceptual, emotional, and social. Occupational therapy also provides skilled training in the use of adaptive equipment and assistive technology as well as recommendations for environmental design and modification.

One of the benefits of a career in occupational therapy is the variety of settings available for employment including schools, hospitals, mental health centers, home health agencies, nursing homes, ergonomic and corporate settings, private practices, prevention programs, and community settings such as domestic violence and homeless shelters.

Professional Training

A master's degree in occupational therapy and successfully passing the national certification examination are required to enter the profession.

Job Outlook

Employment opportunities exceed the number of graduates in almost all areas of the United States. Many part-time positions are also available for occupational therapists.

Earnings

Earnings vary by setting, experience, and position. Occupational therapists' average annual income ranges from \$45,000-67,000.

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The applicant is advised to contact the chair of the LLU Department of Occupational Therapy by the fall quarter of the sophomore year.

Applications need to be completed and submitted between August 1 and November 1 for priority consideration. January 1 is the final application deadline, and the program begins in June.

To apply online go to: <http://www.llu.edu/apply/>
Note: Admission requirements are subject to change each year

Sample Two-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.*

First Year	F	W	S
College English	-	4	4
Human Anatomy & Physiology	5	5	-
General Psychology	4	-	-
Intro to Communication	3	-	-
Religion	-	3	3
Exercise Science	-	1	1
Humanities**	-	-	4
Electives	4	3	4
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Second Year	F	W	S
Chemistry or Physics course	4	-	-
Human Development	-	4	-
Intro to Sociology	-	-	4
Religion	3	-	-
Health Course**	2	-	-
Humanities**	-	4	4
Electives	7	8	8
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Third and Fourth Years are 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 019 is a prerequisite for MATH 096.

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