

Course Requirements

Beginning in June 2018, applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree plus required prerequisite courses and documented patient care experience as follows:

Prerequisite Courses

Take the following required courses:

► Natural Sciences

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| BIOL 101+102 | Human Anatomy & Physiology | 5+5 |
| BIOL 223 | Medical Terminology | 2 |
| BIOL | Two additional biology courses | 3+3 |
| CHEM 111+112+113 | General Chemistry | 5+5+5 |
| PHYS 111+112+113 | General Physics | 4+4+4 |
| STAT 222 | Introduction to Statistics | 4 |

► Social Sciences

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| PSYC 121 | General Psychology | 4 |
| PSYC 234 | Human Development | 4 |

► Communication

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| COMM 105 | Introduction to Communication | 3 |
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► 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 inpatient setting and 20 hours in an outpatient setting.

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

Occupational Information

General Areas of Service

The physical therapist aids in the treatment of disease, injury, or disability by employing physical means (light, heat, cold water, electricity, massage, exercise, and other therapeutic rehabilitative techniques; training in ambulation with braces, crutches and prosthetic devices). Working closely with their patients, the therapist uses psychological and sociological principles to motivate and instruct. Professional opportunities exist in hospitals, physicians' offices, children's centers, athletic training and sports medicine programs, research institutions, rehabilitation centers, outpatient clinics, state and national agencies, private practice, and schools of physical therapy.

Professional training

A graduate degree and successfully passing state board examinations are required to enter the profession.

Job Outlook

Employment opportunities are expected to grow for the foreseeable future.

Earnings

Starting salaries average about \$58,000 a year.

For More Information

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

Representatives from LLU's physical therapy program are on the PUC campus at least once per year. Sign up for your applicant interview during your third year at PUC.

Note: The Physical Therapy program begins in June. Applications are accepted August 1 – October 1.

To apply online go to: www.ptcas.org

Note: Admission requirements are subject to change each year
