

Course Requirements

Domain 1: Humanities and Religion

(Minimum, 28 qtr hrs)

Religion:

A minimum of 4 hours per year of attendance at a Seventh-day Adventist college. (Up to 12 quarter hours may apply toward units needed in Domain one.)

Humanities:

Select the remaining 16 hours in at least three areas from the following courses; one must be at the upper division level:

Art, music, literature, philosophy, civilization/history, and foreign language

The following courses are recommended:

ARTH 115	History of Western Art	4
ARTH 116	History of Western Art	4
ENGL 301	Great Books	4
HIST 101-102	History of World Civilizations	4-4
HIST 134-135	History of the United States	4-4
MUHL 105	Survey of Music	3
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy	4

Any foreign language

Domain 2: Scientific inquiry and analysis

(Minimum, 53 qtr hrs)

Natural Sciences and Mathematics

The study of the natural sciences must include at least one upper division course along with the following required courses:

BIOL 101-102	Human Anatomy/Physiology (or Biology 111-112-113 General Biology 5-5-5)	5-5
STAT 222	Introduction to Statistics	4
One additional natural science course		

Select one of the following options:

Option 1:		
CHEM 111-112-113	General Chemistry/lab	5-5-5
PHYS 105, 106L	Introduction to Physics/Lab	6
Option 2:		
PHYS 111-112-113	General Physics and 2 academic terms of any sequenced chemistry/lab	4- 4-4 4-4

Social Sciences

(Minimum, 16 quarter hours)

The following are required and at least one class at the upper division level:

PSYC 121	General Psychology	4
PSYC 234	Human Development	4

Domain 3: Communication

(Minimum, 15 qtr hrs)

Communication Skills Must include at least one course at the upper division level and the following required courses:

COMM 105	Speech Communication (or COMM 226 Public Speaking)	3
ENGL 101-2	College English	4-4
CPTR 105	Introduction to Computers	3

(Applicants may document word processing and spreadsheet proficiency through waiver exam)

Domain 4: Health and Wellness

(Minimum, 4 qtr hrs)

Select at least one course from the following:

FDNT 235	Nutrition	3
HLED 162	Fitness for Life	2
HLED 166	Health Education	2

A minimum of two physical education activity courses

Electives to meet 138 hours minimum with 18 hours of upper division course work

Work Experience

A minimum of 80 hours required work experience (volunteer/employee) in a physical therapy department, 20 of which are expected to be in a general, acute-care hospital. This experience should be completed by the time of application.

Test Requirement: None

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. The Entry Level DPT program is for individuals with no previous degree in physical therapy. No Bachelor's degree is required. The DPT program is three years in length.

Job Outlook

Employment opportunities are expected to grow for the foreseeable future.

Earnings

Starting salaries average about \$54,000 a year.

For More Information

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Visit PUC's website: www.puc.edu

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

Courses with a grade of C- or lower will not transfer to Loma Linda University. If the course is required, it must be repeated.

The Physical Therapy program begins in June. Applications are accepted August 1 – November 1.

Loma Linda University accepts applications through the PTC AS (Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service) found online at <http://www.ptcas.org/lomalinda.html>.

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.

Sample Three-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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First Year			
Human Anatomy & Physiology	5	5	-
Religion	3	3	-
College English	4	4	-
History of Art	4	-	-
Speech Communication	-	3	-
Introduction to Med terms	-	-	2
Microbiology	-	-	5
Introduction to Computers	-	-	3
Introduction to Physics	-	-	6
Physical activity credit	-	1	-
	16	16	16
Second Year			
General Chemistry	5	5	5
Religion	4	-	-
General Psychology	3	-	-
Nutrition	3	-	-
Humanities Elective	-	4	4
Human Development	-	4	-
Fitness for life	-	2	-
Physical activity credit	1	-	-
Cultural Anthropology	-	-	4
Elective	-	1	3
	16	16	16
Third Year			
Intro to Statistics	-	4	-
Religion	4	-	-
Natural Science Elective	5	-	-
Upper Division Humanities/Social	4	4	-
Electives	3	8	16
	16	16	16

The student must fulfill a total of 138 quarter units. Of which at least 18 units must be upper division from 3 or more content areas.