

Course Requirements

To be eligible for admission, the applicant must have a 2.5 minimum GPA and have completed a minimum of 48 quarter units at an accredited college or university. The minimum subject requirements in quarter units are:

Domain 1: Religion & Humanities 4

Religion: 4 quarter units per year (if attending SDA college)

Humanities: Minimum of 4 quarter units

Select one from:

ARTH 115; ARTH 116; ENGL 301; MUHL 105; PHIL 101; HIST 134, 135; any foreign language) (performing arts limited to 2 quarter units)

Domain 2: Scientific Inquiry & Analyses

BIOL 101 Human Anatomy 5

BIOL 102 Human Physiology 5
(or BIOL 111-2-3)

MATH 096 Intermediate Algebra (if needed) 4
(or high school equivalent with C grade or better) This course will not transfer to LLU.

PHYS 105,106 Introductory Physics and Lab 6

Social Sciences

PSYC 121 General Psychology 4

PSYC 234 Human Development 4

Domain 3: Communication

COMM 226 Public Speaking 3
(or COMM 223 Interpersonal Communication)

ENGL 101 College English 4

ENGL 102 College English 4

Domain 4: Health & Wellness 2

Select one of the following options:

Health Education 2

or

Two PE activity courses 1-1

Electives to meet the minimum of 48 quarter units.

Work Experience

A minimum of 80 hours work experience (volunteer/employee) in a physical therapy department, including 20 hours in a general, acute-care hospital.

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 course work 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 \$30,000+ per year (\$21-27 per hour).

For More Information

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Visit PUC's website: www.puc.edu

For physical therapy assistants who may wish to go on for a masters degree in physical therapy, a P.M.P.T. (Progression MPT) program is available after 2 years of work experience as a PTA.

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

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

Application for admission should be completed by September 1.

Note: The Physical Therapist Assistant program begins in June.

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.

First Year	A	W	S
College English	4	4	-
General Psychology	-	4	-
Religion	2	-	3
Humanities*	4	-	-
Speech Communication	-	-	3
Human Development	-	-	4
Intro to Physics & Lab	-	-	6
Human Anatomy	5	-	-
Human Physiology	-	5	-
Health and Wellness Option*	2	-	-
Electives*	-	3	-
	17	16	16

Second Year
 (at Loma Linda University)

*Note: *See course requirements as listed above.*