

Course Requirements

138 hours, including 18 upper-division hours, distributed as follows:

Domain 1: Religion & Humanities

Minimum, 24 quarter hours distributed as follows

➤ **Religion**

Take 4-12 hours of religion courses: 4-12
(4 hours required per year of attendance at a SDA College)

➤ **Humanities**

Take the remaining 12-20 hours from at least three of the following areas, including one upper-division course: 12-20

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

Domain 2: Scientific Inquiry & Analysis

➤ **Natural Sciences**

The study of the natural sciences must include at least one upper division course in addition to the following required courses.

Take the following required courses:

STAT 222 Introduction to Statistics 4

BIOL 223 Medical Terminology 2

Take one of the following sequences: 10-15

BIOL 101-102 Human Anatomy & Physiology (5 + 5)

BIOL 111-12-13 Biological Foundations (5 + 5 + 5)

Take one of the following options: 20-21

Option 1

CHEM 111-12-13 General Chemistry (5 + 5 + 5)

PHYS 105-106L Introduction to Physics & Lab (5 + 1)

or

Option 2

PHYS 111-12-13 General Physics (4 + 4 + 4)

CHEM 101-102 Introductory Chemistry (4 + 4)

Take at least one additional biology course: 3-5

➤ **Social Sciences**

Take the following required courses:

PSYC 121 General Psychology 4

PSYC 234 Human Development 4

Take at least 4 additional hours from the following areas, including one upper-division course: 4

Anthropology; Political Science; Psychology; Sociology

Domain 3: Communication

Take the following required courses:

ENGL 101-102 College English 4 + 4

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 138 transferable quarter hours including 18 quarter hours of upper-division coursework.

Recommended: Additional electives from the areas of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Health & Wellness.

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.

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 \$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 – November 1.

To apply online go to: www.ptcas.org

Note: Admission requirements are subject to change each year

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.

First Year	F	W	S
Human Anatomy & Physiology	5	5	-
Religion	3	3	-
College English	4	4	-
History of Art	4	-	-
Intro to Communication	-	3	-
Introduction to Medical Terminology	-	-	2
Introduction to Physics	-	-	6
Exercise Science Activity	-	1	-
Humanities*	-	-	8
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Second Year	F	W	S
General Chemistry	5	5	5
Religion	3	-	-
General Psychology	4	-	-
Nutrition	3	-	-
Human Development	-	4	-
Exercise Science Activity	1	-	-
Health Course*	-	2	-
Humanities*	-	4	4
Elective*	-	1	7
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Third Year	F	W	S
Medical Terminology	-	-	2
Intro to Statistics	-	4	-
Religion	3	-	-
Biology Course*	5	-	-
Upper Division Natural Science Course*	-	-	4
Upper Division Humanities Course*	4	-	-
Upper Division Social Science Course*	-	4	-
Electives*	4	8	10
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* See "Courses Requirements" for requirements and options when selecting courses in the various areas.