

Course Requirements

Beginning in 2013, applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree plus required prerequisite courses and documented work/observation experience as follows:

Prerequisite Courses:

Take the following required courses:

BIOL 101	Human Anatomy*	5
BIOL 102	Human Physiology*	5
BIOL 223	Medical Terminology	2
PSYC 234	Human Development	4
STAT 222	Introduction to Statistics*	4

Recommended: BIOL 422 Advanced Human Anatomy(4)
PLEASE NOTE: Grades "B" and above are preferable. Grades below "C" are not transferable for credit to Loma Linda University. Prerequisites must be complete by December of the year applying.

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.

* Course must have been taken within 5 years prior to entry in the Loma Linda University program.

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.

For More Information

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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.

Note: The Occupational Therapist program begins in June.

To apply online, go to: <http://www.llu.edu/apply/>

Note: Admission requirements are subject to change each year