

**Course Requirements**

48 hours distributed as follows:

**Domain 1: Religion & Humanities (8)**

➤ *Religion*

Take 4 hours of religion courses for each year of attendance at an SDA College: 4

➤ *Humanities*

Take a minimum of 4 hours from the following areas: 4  
 Art/Music, Performing Arts (max 2 hours);  
 Literature, Philosophy; American History, Foreign Language

*The following courses are recommended options:*

- ARTH 115 or 116 History of Western Art I, II (4, 4)
- MUHL 105 Survey of Music (3)
- ENGL 301 Themes in Literature (4)
- PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy (4)
- HIST 134 or 135 History of the United States I, II (4, 4)
- SPAN 105 Spanish for Healthcare I (3)
- Any foreign language

**Domain 2: Scientific Inquiry & Analysis (26)**

➤ *Natural Sciences*

Take the following required courses:

- BIOL 101 Human Anatomy\* 5
- BIOL 102 Human Physiology\* 5
- BIOL 223 Medical Terminology\* 2
- PHYS 105+106L Intro to Physics + Lab \* 6

Noncredit algebra requirement- take one of the following\*: 0  
 2 years of high school Algebra with a grade of C or better (0)  
 MATH 096 Basic Algebra II (4)\*\*

➤ *Social Sciences*

Take the following required course: 4  
 PSYC 121 General Psychology (4)\*

Take at least one of the following courses\*: 4  
 PSYC 234 Human Development (4)\*\*  
 PSYC 358 Abnormal Psychology (4)

**Domain 3: Communication (11-12)**

Take the following required courses:

- ENGL 101+102 College English I + II (4+4)

Take at least one of the following courses\*:

- COMM 105 Communication & Public Speaking\* (4)
- COMM 223 Interpersonal Communication (3)

**Domain 4: Health & Wellness (2-3)**

Take at least one of the following options:

- FDNT 235 Nutrition (3)
- HLED 162 Fitness for Life (2)
- HLED 166+L Health Education (3)
- ESAC 2 Exercise Science Activity Courses (1+1)

**Domain 5: Electives**

Take additional electives as needed to meet the minimum requirement of 48 transferable quarter hours.

**Observation/Work Experience:**

Minimum of 80 hours of observation (volunteer) under the supervision of a Physical Therapist or a PT Assistant, or employment/work experience, with at least 20 hours in an in-patient PT setting and 20 hours in an out-patient PT setting.

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

**Health Sciences, A.S. and B.S.**

Pacific Union College offers an A.S. and B.S. degree in Health Sciences. These majors can be taken in conjunction with the pre-physical therapy assisting requirements. For more information, see page KNLSL-03 or KNLSL-04, or contact the Health Sciences advisor.

\* Individuals who already have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university need to complete these prerequisite requirements only.

\*\* This course is remedial and will not count for credit.

\*\*\*Preferred.

**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**

The median annual wage for PT Assistant is \$58,000.

**For More Information**

Pre-Allied Health Advisor

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

Department of Physical Therapy  
 School of Allied Health Professions  
 Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA 92350  
 (909) 824-4966 or 800 422-4556

Note: The Physical Therapist Assistant program begins in June.

To apply online, go to: [www.llu.edu/apply/](http://www.llu.edu/apply/)  
 Note: Admission requirements are subject to change each year

**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.\*

<b>First Year*</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>S</b>
Human Anatomy	5	-	-
Human Physiology	-	5	-
Intro to Physics+Lab	-	-	6
General Psychology	-	4	-
Human Development	-	-	4
College English I,II	4	4	-
Comm & Public Speaking	-	-	4
Religion Courses	3	-	3
Humanities Course**	4	-	-
Health & Wellness Course**	-	3	-
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**Second Year** is taken at Loma Linda University.

\* Note that MATH 096 must be taken if H.S. requirements have not been met. MATH 096 will not transfer to LLU. MATH 095 is a prerequisite for MATH 096.

\*\* See "Courses Requirements" for requirements and options when selecting courses in the various areas.