

Office of Pre-Health Professions
PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

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Degree Requirements for students seeking matriculation to Loma Linda University:

1. If you plan to attend another university, please visit the Office of Pre-Health Professions early so that we can assist you in meeting all requirements.
2. **G.P.A.:** Applicants need to have a minimum GPA of 3.0 overall and 3.0 or higher in science courses. **C minus (C-)** grades and pre-foundational courses are not transferable.
3. **Application to Loma Linda:** Applications are accepted between September 1 and January 1. The program begins in June. To apply visit www.llu.edu/llu/sahp/appform.html.
4. **Work Experience:** A minimum of 40 hours of work experience (volunteer/paid) in an occupational therapy department is required. Hours must be completed before interviewing for admittance.

	Domain/Course(s)	Units
	First Year Seminar (UNST 101A & 101B)	2

Domain 1: Religion and Humanities: Total of 20 qtr. units		
Religion Course: One religion course for every year of attendance at an SDA school. (Max. 8 units)		8
Humanities: 3 subject areas Art/Music (Performing arts limited to 4 qtr. units) (ARTA 205 or MUHL 205), History (HIST 105, HPSC 104, 106) Literature, Philosophy (ENGL 224, 246; PHIL 204, 208) Language: Any language including Amer. Sign Language		12

Domain 2: Scientific Inquiry and Analysis: Minimum of 12 units in 2 areas		
Natural Sciences:		
Anatomy and Physiology I (BIOL 131 & Lab)		5
Anatomy and Physiology II (BIOL 132 & Lab)		5
Introduction to Physics (PHYS 117 & Lab)		4
Select one additional course from: Chemistry, Physics, or Physical Science		4
2 years High School Algebra with a grade of C or better or Intermediate Algebra (MATH 007 required/no credit)		4
Social Sciences: Minimum of 12 units in 2 areas		
General Sociology (SOC 104)		4
General Psychology (PSYC 104)		4
Developmental Psychology (PSYC 234)		4

Domain 3: Communication:		
College Writing I (ENGL 111)		3
College Writing II (ENGL 112)		3
College Writing III (ENGL 113)		3
Fundamentals of Speech (COMM 104) OR Interpersonal Communication (COMM 244)		

Domain 4: Health and Wellness		
Nutrition Theory & Practice (HLED 225) OR Dimensions of Health (HLED 214)		4
Physical Education (2 Activity Courses)		1

Domain 5: Electives To complete 96 quarter units: (Pre-foundational coursework does not count towards the 96 units)		
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The Office of Pre-Health Professions is dedicated to providing quality service to La Sierra University students, faculty and staff. Our primary goal is to address your pre-professional needs. As a service-based department, we accept walk-ins on a daily basis. We endeavor to answer all of your questions about careers in the health field; no question is too small for our attention. We are located in Palmer Hall, home of the Chemistry department and next door to the Thaine B. Price Science Complex.

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Career opportunities and related occupations: The occupational therapist works with persons who find it difficult to cope with physical or psychological dysfunction. They help patients improve basic motor functions and reasoning abilities, and compensate for permanent loss of function. Common disabilities seen include stroke, paralysis, brain damage, accidents of hands and arms, arthritis, birth and developmental disabilities, and emotional and mental illness. Occupational therapists assist patients in performing activities of many kinds, ranging from using a computer to caring for daily needs, such as dressing, cooking and eating. Professional practice may be in general hospitals, rehabilitation centers, geriatric homes, out-patient or home-care community programs, and private practice.

Educational Qualifications: A license is required to practice occupational therapy. To obtain a license, students must complete the pre-occupational therapy curriculum at La Sierra University and apply to a occupational therapy program. After completing the program students must pass the national certification examination given by the American Occupational Therapy Certification Board. Those who obtain a degree and pass the test are awarded the title of registered occupational therapist. A graduate degree is often required for teaching, research, or specialized practice.

Job Opportunities: Jobs in the field of occupational therapists are expected to grow by 34% through the year 2014.

Salary: The national average for occupational therapists is \$59,100 California's average is \$65,770. For the most updated information on salaries visit: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics at <http://www.bls.gov/bls/blswage.htm>

Websites:

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