

Admissions requirements for students seeking matriculation to Loma Linda University*

**Italicized statements are directly from LLU admissions sources. If considering other institutions, be in contact with Pre-Health Advising as early as possible.*

- Degree:**
- ❖ This course of study is in pursuit of a bachelor's degree; however, one can apply after having received a bachelor's degree to the transitional MS program.
- Units:**
- ❖ **Number:** 96 quarter units must be completed, in progress, or planned to be completed upon application to the bachelor's degree program. (Pre-foundational English and/or courses with a grade of C- or below do not satisfy prerequisites.)
 - ❖ **GPA:** Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0; *to be competitive, a 3.3 GPA is recommended.*
 - ❖ **AP & CLEP:** AP and CLEP are generally accepted. However, CLEP is not accepted for College Writing.
- Experience:**
- ❖ It is recommended that applicants obtain volunteer or shadowing experience in a clinical setting.
- Application:**
- ❖ **Service:** Directly through LLU: www.llu.edu/apply.
 - ❖ **Deadline:** Applications should be submitted as early as possible beginning October 1 through June 1. (The transitional master's deadline is March 1.)
 - ❖ **Recommendation Letters:** 3 recommendation letters are required: *it is recommended that all be from academic instructors, though 1 may be from a pastor.*

Coursework

Communication:

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| College Writing
___ ENGL 111
___ ENGL 112
___ ENGL 113 | O
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___ ENGL 124 Freshman Seminar in Writing
___ *COMM 104 Fundamentals of Speech
___ *CPTG 104 Intro to Computing |
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- Speech
 ___ COMM 104 Fundamentals of Speech
 OR
 ___ COMM 244 Interpersonal Communication

Humanities & Religion: (at least 20 units)

- Humanities (minimum of 3 areas)
- ___ Civilization/History (HIST/HPSC/SOCI/SSCI)
 - ___ Fine Arts (ARTA/MUHL)
 - ___ Literature (ENGL – "Literature")
 - ___ Modern Language
 - ___ Performing/Visual Arts (ARTS/DRAM/MUPF) (not to exceed 4 units)
 - ___ Philosophy (PHIL)
- Religion (4 units per year if attending an SDA school)
- ___ 4-unit course: _____
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- SPPA 284 (not included in the 96 completion units)
 — Intro to Speech Language Pathology (Online)

Social Sciences: (at least 12 units from 2 areas)

- Psychology
 ___ PSYC 104 General Psychology
 ___ PSYC 234 Developmental Psychology
- One more 4-unit course (select from the following)
- ___ Anthropology (ANTH)
 - ___ Economics (ECON)
 - ___ Political Science (HPSC/PLSC)
 - ___ Sociology (SOCI)

Health & Wellness:

- Health Education
 ___ HLSC 214 Dimensions of Health
 OR
 ___ HLSC 225 Nutrition Theory & Practice
- Physical Activity (2 courses)
- ___ EXSC course: _____
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Science & Mathematics: (at least 12 units from 2 areas)

- Human Anatomy & Physiology
- ___ BIOL 131 **OR** ___ BIOL 111
 - ___ BIOL 132 ___ BIOL 111 Lab
- Physical Science
- ___ PHYS 117 **OR** ___ GEOL 314
 - OR**
 - ___ PHYS 304
- Mathematics
 ___ MATH 007 & Lab

Note: Electives needed to complete 96 required units (Pre-Foundational courses do not count).

*Courses may be used to satisfy the 9 unit communication minimum.

Career opportunities and related occupations:

- ❖ Speech-language pathologists treat persons with speech, language, voice, and fluency disorders. They use specialized instruments as well as written or oral tests to determine the nature and extent of impairment, and to record and analyze speech irregularities. For individuals with little or no speech, speech-language pathologists choose alternative communication systems, including automated devices and sign language, and teach their use.
- ❖ Audiologists treat persons with hearing related disorders. They use audiometers and other testing devices to measure loudness and the level at which a person begins to hear sounds. They also measure the patient's ability to distinguish between sounds and extent of their hearing loss. Audiologists can work in clinical settings or in the field where they can test noise levels in workplaces and conduct hearing protection programs.
- ❖ Many speech pathologists are employed in public schools. Other speech pathologists and most audiologists work in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, college or community speech and hearing clinics, or in private practice.

Educational qualifications:

- ❖ The master's degree or its equivalent is required for the certificate of clinical competence and California licensing. In many states, credentials for working in schools are also required. Requirements for licensing and school credentials vary from state to state.

Job Opportunities:

- ❖ Jobs in the field of communicative sciences and disorders are expected to grow by 28% through the year 2014.

Salary:

- ❖ The national average income is \$58,000 and the average income for California is \$65,000. For the most updated information on salaries visit: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics at <http://www.bls.gov/bls/blswage.htm>.

For more information:

Websites	Loma Linda University	Professional Organization(s)
<p>La Sierra University: www.lasierra.edu/departments/prehealth</p> <p>Loma Linda University: www.llu.edu/allied-health/sahp/speech</p>	<p>Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders Loma Linda University School of Allied Health Professions Loma Linda, CA 92350 Phone: 909-558-4998</p>	<p>American Speech-Language-Hearing Association 10801 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852 www.asha.org</p> <p>American Academy of Audiology 8201 Greensboro Dr., Ste. 300 McLean, VA 22102</p>

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