



**RELIGION AND HUMANITIES: [4 qtr. units min.]**

**RELIGION: 4 qtr. units/ year Choose from the following areas.**

RELB, RELE, RELG, RELT, RLGN \_\_\_\_\_ (4)

**HUMANITIES: Select one.**

Fine Arts (ARTA/MUHL)

History (HIST/ HPSC)

Literature/ Philosophy (ENGL/ PHIL)

Modern Language

**NATURAL SCIENCES :[ 14 qtr. units]**

BIOL 131 Human Anatomy & Physiology (5)

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PHYS 117 Introduction to Physics/ 117L (4/0) Prereq. MATH 007 or equivalent

MATH 007/ L (4) Intermediate Algebra Prereq. MATH 006 or appropriate score on placement exam: NO ACADEMIC CREDIT

**SOCIAL SCIENCES: [8 units]**

PSYC 104 General Psychology (4) Prereq: ENGL 111 Can be concurrently enrolled.

PSYC 234 Developmental Psychology (4) Prereq: ENGL III Can be concurrently enrolled or

PSYC 275 Abnormal Psychology Prereq: PSYC 104.

**COMMUNICATION: [13 qtr. units min.] CLEP not accepted.**

ENGL 111 College Writing (3) Prereq. Satisfactory placement on college entrance exam.

ENGL 112 College Writing (3) Prereq. ENGL 111

ENGL 113 College Writing (3) Prereq. ENGL 112

COMM 104 Fundamentals of Speech (4) Prereq. Satisfactory placement on college entrance exam or

COMM 244 Interpersonal Communication (4) Prereq. ENGL 111 Can be concurrently enrolled.

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS: [3 qtr. units min.]**

HLSC 214 Dimensions of Health (4) or HLSC 225 Nutrition Theory & Practice (4)

2 Physical activity courses: May use HLSC 120 Lifetime Fitness (2) as activity elective

EXSC Activity #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_ (.5/ .5) min.

**ELECTIVES: To complete 48 qtr. units.**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Work Experience:** 80 observation hours in Physical Therapy Dept.: Minimum of 20 in-patient setting; Minimum of 20 in out-patient setting.


# Pre-PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

*Associate of Science*

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND RELATED OCCUPATIONS:** The physical therapist assistant is a skilled technical health worker who, under supervision of a physical therapist, assists in the patients' treatment program. The extent to which the physical therapist assistant is involved in treatment depends upon the policies of the health facility, the supervising therapist, and the patient.

**EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:** One year at La Sierra University to complete the pre-requisites and one additional year in a Physical Therapy Assistant program.  
When professional training is completed the candidate is eligible to take the licensing exam.

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES:** It is expected that job availability will grow by 44% through 2014. Physical therapist assistants are in demand and graduates have a wide choice of opportunities with medical groups, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, outpatient clinics, national and state agencies, and schools of physical therapy.

**SALARY:** The median annual wage for physical therapist assistants was \$52,160 in May 2012. The median wage is the wage at which half the workers in an occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$32,420, and the top 10 percent earned more than \$72,720. The median annual wage for physical therapist aides was \$23,880 in May 2012. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$17,540, and the top 10 percent earned more than \$35,420. Most physical therapist assistants and aides work full time. Many physical therapy offices and clinics have evening and weekend hours to accommodate patients' schedules.

Career information adapted from  
U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. (2012). Occupational Outlook Handbook. Retrieved  
from <http://www.bls.gov/ooh>.  
California CareerZone. (2012). California CareerZone. Retrieved from  
[www.cacareerzone.org](http://www.cacareerzone.org).  
Add'l information retrieved from LLU curriculum sheet.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Websites

**La Sierra University**  
[www.lasierra.edu/prehealth](http://www.lasierra.edu/prehealth)

**Loma Linda University:**  
[www.alliedhealth.llu.edu](http://www.alliedhealth.llu.edu)

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