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<http://www.lockhaven.edu/admissions/>

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

Standards and Requirements

The following general requirements have been established for admission to LHU.

- High School Curriculum – Students must successfully graduate from an approved four-year high school or institution of equivalent grade, or equivalent preparation (e.g., GED) as determined by the Credentials Division of the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Students must be enrolled in a college preparatory program throughout high school to be eligible for admission. Although Advanced Placement (AP) or Honors courses are not required for admission, they do carry extra weight in the application review process.

Please refer to the following table for high school curriculum requirements:

Subjects	Number of Years	Requirements
Language Arts Literacy	4	Content may include English language, communication, writing, composition, research, logic, media, and literature.
Math	3	Content that incorporates the equivalent of Algebra I, Geometry and a third year course in either Algebra II or a rigorous course based in Probability/Statistics. Mathematics and/or mathematical-based science taken in senior year is highly recommended, especially for math/science majors.
Science	3	Content that incorporate the equivalent of biology (with lab), chemistry (with lab), and other inquiry-based lab or technical sciences such as physics, engineering, environmental, or earth science. Science majors are required to have four years of an academic science.
Social Studies	3	Content that incorporates the equivalent of civics, US history, world history, geography, and economics. Content must provide an understanding of the influence of heritage, cultural context, diversity, and global perspectives.
Foreign Language OR Academic Electives	2	

- Grades – Students must demonstrate academic achievement in the classroom. The admission

committee will consider high school GPA, class rank, grades in academic core subject areas, and quality of curriculum. In many cases, senior grades are requested and taken into consideration during the application review process. In all cases, admission is contingent upon successful completion of the final year.

- SAT/ACT Scores – Students must submit college entrance examination scores from the SAT or ACT. The writing section of the SAT exam is not used in the admission decision process. *Students who graduated from high school three years prior to applying for admission to LHU are not required to submit SAT/ACT scores.*

Application Procedures

- A completed application is required. Applicants are encouraged to complete the application online. The online application fee and paper application fee is \$25.00.
- Students should request that an official copy of their secondary school transcript be forwarded from the guidance office directly to Lock Haven University Office of Admissions.
- SAT or ACT scores should be requested from the respective testing center or the high school. Test scores printed on the secondary school transcript or enclosed with the official documents from the high school are considered official.

Supplemental Materials

Letters of recommendation, essays, and interviews are optional. High achieving students typically do not need to interview or submit these extra documents. However, students who feel that a blemish on their transcript can be explained through an essay or letter of recommendation should consider submitting the additional documents or scheduling an interview.

Enrollment Procedures

- Once admitted, students are required to pay a \$200.00 non-refundable enrollment deposit. The National Candidates Reply Date is May 1 of the year that the student will enroll. Once the enrollment deposit has been paid, the Registrar's Office will begin working to construct the student's schedule, and the Housing Office will assign housing for those requesting on-campus housing.
- All new students must have the medical history report completed by a physician. This form must be returned to LHU prior to enrollment.

Special Programs

Accelerated 3+2 Health Science Pre-Physician Assistant Program-

Students who wish to be considered for the 3+2 program must first apply for admission to the traditional Health Science/Pre-Physician Assistant program and have all required application materials submitted no later than November 1. The 3+2 admission review committee will review applications and invite select applicants to campus for an interview.

Accelerated 3+3 Health Science Pre-Physical Therapy Program-

Students who wish to be considered for the 3+3 program must first apply for admission to the traditional Health Science/Pre-Physical Therapy program and have all required application materials submitted no later than November 1. The 3+3 admission review committee will review applications and invite select applicants for an interview.

Accelerated 3+2 Athletic Training Program-

Students who wish to be considered for the 3+2 program must first apply for admissions to the Health Science/Exercise Science program and have all required application materials submitted no later than November 1. The 3+2 admissions review committee will review applications and invite select

applicants for an interview.

Transfer Student Policy

- Any student who has enrolled at a post-secondary institution following high school graduation is considered to be a transfer applicant. The exception is if courses are taken during the summer between high school graduation and matriculation.
- A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is generally required for admission. Select majors may require a higher GPA.
- Students with fewer than 12 transferable credits must provide an official copy of their high school transcript.

Application Procedure for Transfer Students

- Admission to LHU is offered on a rolling basis; therefore, priority is given to those students who apply early. To ensure adequate time for scheduling, financial aid, etc., required application materials should be received by **December 15 for spring** semester consideration, and by **August 15 for fall** semester consideration.
- Official transcripts must be sent from all previously attended post-secondary institutions.
- Students are provided with an unofficial credit evaluation at the time of acceptance. Official credit evaluations are provided once students pay the enrollment deposit. All offers of admission are contingent upon successful completion of course work completed after the time of acceptance

Home Schooled Students

A transcript of all secondary level course work from a state/commonwealth recognized home education diploma program or your home school district or a General Equivalency Diploma (GED) and samples of all secondary level course work completed.

International Students

Lock Haven University recommends that students seeking admission from foreign countries submit the [online application](#) and all application materials at least three months prior to their start date. Application materials include an official evaluation of educational credentials, an official English proficiency exam score, a copy of a current passport, and immigration documentation. All application materials must be completed and received prior to consideration for admission.

Students whose primary language is not English are required to submit one English proficiency exam score. Acceptable English proficiency exams include the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), the SAT and the ACT. For information on minimum exam scores, see <http://www.lockhaven.edu/admissions/international/admission.html>.

Students with transcripts from non-U.S. institutions are required to submit an official educational credential evaluation of transcripts, academic records, diplomas, national examination results, certificates or degrees received from all secondary, post-secondary, university and/or professional schools.

We recommend World Education Services, Inc. (WES.org) or EducationUSA.info for this service.

Readmission of Former Students

Students who have withdrawn from the University may apply for re-entry to any semester by following the [Request to Resume Studies](#) process found on the Registrar's website. Official transcripts of any credits completed at other institutions during the withdrawal period must accompany the request. Students are encouraged to check with the Financial Aid Office about how financial aid is affected by re-entry.

Students who graduated from LHU and have sat out at least one semester (fall or spring) will follow the [Request to Resume Studies](#) process found on the Registrar's website.

**This policy has been in existence for many years prior to 2010 with an exact date unknown. We are using 2010 as a default original and/or update date.*