

# UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

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

## **GRADUATE** **ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS**

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

### **Actuarial Science – Professional Science Masters**

Process:

- Submit the [online application](#)
- Submit official college transcript(s)
- Submit a statement of professional goals (one page in length)

Criteria:

- Bachelor's degree with a GPA of 3.00 or higher
- Successful completion of the following undergraduate coursework
  - 9 credits of Calculus (through multivariable calculus) or equivalent
  - 3 credits of Linear Algebra or coursework that covers the fundamentals of matrix calculations

If English is not the student's primary language, a TOEFL score of 213 or higher (computer-based exam), 550 or higher (paper-based exam), or 80 or higher (internet-based exam) will be required.

### **Alternative Education – Master of Education**

Process:

- Submit the [online application](#)
- Submit three letters of recommendation
- Submit a writing sample
  - Review a pertinent scholarly journal article or report published in a recent professional journal. Include the problem or issue, the author's viewpoint and supporting ideas. Also include your professional opinion in the final paragraphs of the essay. Your essay should not exceed 300 words. (You must submit a copy of the full text of the article along with your essay.)
- Submit official college transcript(s)
- Submit a copy of PA teaching certification (optional)

Criteria:

- Bachelor's degree with a 3.00 or higher

Transfer Credits:

- Students may transfer up to nine credits of graduate work from an accredited institution toward the elective requirements of the program. All transfer credits must be approved in writing by the Program Coordinator.

### **Athletic Training – Master of Science**

Process:

- Submit an application through the Athletic Training Centralized Application Systems (ATCAS)
  - Create an account in [ATCAS \(https://atcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login\)](https://atcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login) and follow the directions to complete the application. Do not apply directly to Lock Haven University
  - All of your supporting materials are submitted through ATCAS.
    - Official college transcript(s) for all university coursework to ATCAS.  
Mail transcripts to:  
ATCAS  
PO Box 9132  
Watertown, MA 02471
    - Three letters of recommendation (at least one from a certified athletic trainer)
    - Statement of professional goals (750 words or less)
    - Official GRE scores (50<sup>th</sup> percentile recommended for admission)
    - CPR/Professional Rescuer for the healthcare provider
    - Documentation of 75 observation hours in athletic training

Criteria:

- Bachelor's degree with 3.00 or higher
- Enrollment is limited; selection is based upon:
  - Completion of admissions requirements, including prerequisite coursework
    - Prerequisites
      - Two semesters of anatomy and physiology with labs
      - One course in general psychology
      - One course in physiology of exercise
      - One course in biomechanics or kinesiology
      - One course in nutrition
      - One introductory health course
      - Twelve credits of laboratory science, including at least one course in biology and at least one course in chemistry or physics.
  - Academic ability
  - Evidence of potential for future practice as an athletic trainer
  - Evidence of personality traits indicating an ability to work effectively with people
  - Letters of recommendation
  - Interview performance

### **Clinical Mental Health Counseling – Master of Science**

#### Process:

- Submit the [online application](#)
- Submit official college transcripts
- Submit three letters of recommendation (At least one letter will discuss the candidate's ability to succeed academically and all letters must be specific to the program at LHU.)
- Submit a statement of professional goals – one page in length
  - Professional goal statement must include a thorough discussion on the applicant's career goals. Furthermore, the statement needs to describe the purpose of attaining a degree in CMHC at Lock Haven University, specifically how this degree will help the applicant attain his/her professional goals.

#### Criteria:

- Bachelor's degree with 3.00 or higher in psychology (or a related discipline such as education, criminal justice, sociology, etc) from an accredited institution.
  - Applicants with a 2.85-2.99 undergraduate GPA with relevant life experience may be considered for an interview and if admitted to the graduate program, would be required to achieve a 3.0 GPA or better in their first 9 credit hours to remain in good academic standing.
  - Granting an interview with a candidate who has an undergraduate GPA below 2.5 will be at the discretion of the Admissions Committee.
- Completed coursework in research/statistics and abnormal psychology (these courses are preferred, but not required) at the undergraduate level with a minimum grade of B in each course prior to matriculation into the program
- Work and/or life experience relevant to the study of clinical mental health counseling
- Strong letters of reference from individuals knowledgeable about the applicant's academic preparation and/or relevant experience
- A strong personal interview with CMHC faculty

### **Health Science – Master of Health Science**

#### Process:

- Submit the [online application](#)
- Submit official college transcripts
- Submit three professional letters of recommendation
- Submit a personal mission statement (one page in length)

#### Criteria:

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Successful completion of academic prerequisites
- Academic ability
- Evidence of ability to work with people
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE)
- Successful completion of the interview process

### **Physician Assistant – Master of Health Science**

#### Process:

- Submit an application through the [Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants](#) (CASPA) – Do not apply directly to Lock Haven University

Criteria:

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Cumulative grade point average of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 scale
- Satisfactory completion of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE)
- Satisfactory completion of all prerequisite courses
  - 2 courses in general chemistry
  - 2 courses in biology or zoology
  - Human anatomy\* – must be completed within five years of matriculation
  - Human physiology\* - must be completed within five years of matriculation
  - Human genetics
  - Microbiology
  - Statistics
- \*A combined two semester anatomy/physiology is acceptable
- While not required, the following courses are recommended as they better prepare students for the rigors of the program.
  - Organic chemistry
  - Biochemistry
  - Developmental psychology
  - Physics
  - Additional coursework in the behavioral sciences: psychology, sociology, anthropology
- All required courses must be completed within 10 years of matriculation
- Science courses with labs are preferred

**Sport Science – Master of Science**

Process:

- Submit the [online application](#)
- Submit official college transcripts
- Submit three letters of recommendation
- Submit a statement of professional goals

**Teaching and Learning – Master of Education**

Process:

- Submit the [online application](#)
- Submit three letters of recommendation
- Submit a writing sample
  - Review a pertinent scholarly journal article or report published in a recent professional journal. Include the problem or issue, the author's viewpoint and supporting ideas. Also include your professional opinion in the final paragraphs of the essay. Your essay should not exceed 300 words. (You must submit a copy of the full text of the article along with your essay.)
- Submit official college transcript(s)
- Submit a copy of PA teaching certification (optional)

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