

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Tuition and Financial Aid

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Tuition rates for the PA Program are established by the Penn State University Board of Trustees in early July of each year, and are the same for residents and non-residents of Pennsylvania.

Cost of attendance includes tuition, fees, book/supplies and a standard student budget for room and board, transportation and personal expenses.

Tuition

This website provides cost of attendance information for the current academic year. When necessary, this information will be updated after tuition charges are established each July. In our continued commitment to enroll students from disadvantaged backgrounds, **a tuition freeze has been in place since 2015.**

Tuition Refund Policy

The Physician Assistant Program follows Penn State University's tuition refund policy (<http://www.bursar.psu.edu/refund.cfm>) in the event of student withdrawal from the program.

Criminal Background Check

All students enrolled in the PA Program will be required to complete the necessary background checks to participate in clinical year. The total cost to complete this process is \$59.

Books/Medical Equipment

Because of the extensive full-text electronic books and databases available through our medical library and the utilization of Penn State's state-of-the-art Simulation Center, our required textbook and equipment costs are considerably lower than many programs.

Health Insurance

All PA students are required to have health insurance coverage. Documentation of coverage is required in order to waive the Penn State student health insurance plan. Penn State offers a health insurance plan for students and their dependents through Aetna. The annual rate for the period from August 2017 through July 2018 is \$3,418 for the student.

Financial Aid

The Penn State College of Medicine Office of Student Aid is committed to assisting physician assistant students in making informed choices about paying for their graduate education. Although the primary financial responsibility for physician assistant education belongs to the student, there are financial sources that can be explored if financial assistance is necessary. The student aid office provides assistance and counseling to help students understand the financial resources available to them and how to obtain such resources.

The primary application for obtaining financial assistance at the Penn State College of Medicine is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/>). Our federal student code is **003329**.

Primary Aid Sources

- **University Aid:** This includes scholarships and university loans and are almost exclusively need-based.
- **Federal Aid:** This includes the Direct Stafford Loan and Direct GradPlus Loan. These are non-need based.

Contact Us

If you have questions about financial aid for the Physician Assistant program, please contact the Office of Student Aid at 717-531-7052 or StudentAid@pennstatehealth.psu.edu.