Cost of Attendance

The following table represents the estimated cost of attendance for the LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans Physician Assistant Program. These estimates include tuition, university fees, required educational expenses, and average living expenses as determined by the LSUHSC Office of Financial Aid.

The cost of attendance reflects the estimated expenses for a typical student for the duration of the program and is used to determine financial aid eligibility.

Actual expenses may vary based on individual circumstances.

	Full Time University Tuition and Fees	Non-Resident Fee	Insurance Fee	Loan Fee	Books and Supplies	Housing and Meals	Transportation	Miscellaneous /Personal Expenses	Total Resident Cost	Total Non-Resident Cost
Spring I Semester	$ 9,794.00	$ 9,612.00	$ 3,718.80	$ 320.00	$ 1,284.00	$ 6,000.00	$ 1,216.00	$ 3,888.00	$ 26,220.80	$ 35,832.80
Summer I Semester	$ 4,910.00	$ 4,806.00			$ 642.00	$ 3,750.00	$ 760.00	$ 2,430.00	$ 12,492.00	$ 17,298.00
Fall I Semester	$ 9,298.00	$ 9,612.00	$ 3,718.80	$ 320.00	$ 1,284.00	$ 6,000.00	$ 1,216.00	$ 3,888.00	$ 25,724.80	$ 35,336.80
Spring II Semester	$ 9,794.00	$ 9,612.00	$ 3,718.80	$ 320.00	$ 1,284.00	$ 6,000.00	$ 1,216.00	$ 3,888.00	$ 26,220.80	$ 35,832.80
Summer II Semester	$ 4,910.00	$ 4,806.00			$ 642.00	$ 3,750.00	$ 750.00	$ 2,430.00	$ 12,482.00	$ 17,288.00
Fall II Semester	$ 9,298.00	$ 9,612.00	$ 3,718.80	$ 320.00	$ 1,284.00	$ 6,000.00	$ 1,216.00	$ 3,888.00	$ 25,724.80	$ 35,336.80
Spring III Semester	$ 9,794.00	$ 9,612.00	$ 3,718.80	$ 320.00	$ 1,284.00	$ 6,000.00	$ 1,216.00	$ 3,888.00	$ 26,220.80	$ 35,832.80
Total for Program	**$ 57,798.00**	$ 57,672.00	$ 18,594.00	$ 1,600.00	$ 7,704.00	$ 37,500.00	$ 7,590.00	$ 24,300.00	**$ 155,086.00**	**$ 212,758.00**

Full Time University Tuition and Fees

The total cost of tuition is calculated by summing the tuition and required university fees for each semester of the program. These charges are determined by LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans and apply to all full-time students enrolled in the School of Allied Health Professions.

A detailed list of university tuition and mandatory fees is maintained by the LSUHSC Registrar and is available on the registrar's website: Allied Health Professions Tuition and Fees.

These fees may include tuition, academic excellence fees, operational fees, and other institutional charges required for enrollment.

Tuition and fees are subject to change at the discretion of the university. **The University will be increasing tuition and fees by 10% beginning in the 2026–2027 academic year. Updated tuition and fee information will be reflected on this page once the University releases the official fee schedule.**

Non-Resident Fee

Students who do not qualify for Louisiana residency are assessed an additional non-resident fee each semester in accordance with LSUHSC residency policies.

Insurance Fee

Students are required to maintain health insurance coverage while enrolled in the program. The insurance fee represents the cost of the LSUHSC student health insurance plan unless a student receives an approved waiver by demonstrating comparable health insurance coverage.

Loan Fee

Loan fees represent estimated federal student loan origination fees charged by the U.S. Department of Education when students borrow federal student loans. These fees are deducted from loan disbursements.

Housing and Meals
Housing and meals represent estimated living expenses for students during enrollment in the program. These estimates are determined by the LSUHSC Office of Financial Aid and reflect typical housing and food costs in the New Orleans area.

Actual costs will vary depending on a student's living arrangements and personal spending habits.

Transportation
Transportation includes estimated costs associated with commuting to campus and traveling to clinical education sites during supervised clinical practice experiences. This may include fuel, public transportation, vehicle maintenance, and parking.

Miscellaneous
The miscellaneous category includes estimated program-related expenses that students may incur during the program. Some of these costs are assessed by the university or program, while others are expenses students typically incur in order to successfully complete the program and prepare for professional practice.

Estimated expenses include:

Item	Estimated Cost
Graduation Fee	$110
Physical Examination Equipment	$1,200
Patient Tracking System	$100
Background Check (initial and clinical onboarding)	$150
Laptop Computer	$1,300 – $1,500
Uniforms/White Coat	$500
Anatomy Laboratory Fee	$60
Simulation Supplies	$500
AAPA Student Membership	$75
LAPA Student Membership	$35
NCCPA PANCE Registration	$550
Louisiana State Licensure Fee (Initial)	$275
Professional Liability Insurance	$300

Estimated total program-related miscellaneous expenses for a typical student: approximately $5,100 – $5,300. Some of these expenses occur during the program, while others occur near graduation as students prepare for licensure and entry into professional practice. Actual costs may vary depending on individual purchasing decisions.

Personal Expenses
The Cost of Attendance developed by the LSUHSC Office of Financial Aid includes an estimate for personal expenses during the program. These costs are included to reflect typical personal expenses students may incur while enrolled and to ensure students have sufficient access to financial aid resources.

Examples of personal expenses may include:

- Personal hygiene and household supplies
- Cell phone and internet service
- Clothing and laundry
- Professional clothing for clinical experiences
- Study resources and board examination preparation materials
- Technology maintenance or replacement
- Professional conference attendance or continuing education resources
- Unanticipated personal expenses

These personal expenses are included within the Miscellaneous/Personal Expenses category of the Cost of Attendance used by the LSUHSC Office of Financial Aid. Actual expenses will vary depending on individual spending habits and lifestyle.

Estimated In-State Student Tuition: $57,798.00

Estimated Total Resident Cost: $155,086.00

Estimated Total Non-Resident Cost: $212,758.00

Financial Aid

The primary responsibility for the funding of your education lies with you and your family. Financial aid is available to U.S. citizens and permanent residents. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid.

External loan repayment opportunities exist and are further detailed on our website.

Program Sequence and Advanced Standing

Students are expected to complete the designated professional curriculum in the sequence specified. Each semester's course work is to be considered pre-requisite to the next semester. Students may not enter the program with advanced standing, regardless of educational or work experience, and no accelerated curriculum or course waivers are offered.

Important External Links

The following links maybe useful in learning about the PA Profession:

- The American Academy of Physician Assistants
  - www.aapa.org
- The Louisiana Academy of Physician Assistants
  - www.ourlapa.org
- The Physician Assistant Education Association
  - www.paeaonline.org
- PAEA Applicant Resource Blog
  - www.pafocus.org
- The US Bureau of Labor Statistics
  - www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/physician-assistant.htm