

University of South Dakota
Doctor of Physical Therapy
Financial Fact Sheet
2026

The data applies to students experiencing the program between January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026.

Length of Program which includes all student instruction/interaction (including classroom, laboratory, exams, and clinical education). Include the total number of weeks where either full or partial attendance is required.

Length of Program in Weeks excluding breaks: **128 weeks**

Length of Program in Weeks including breaks: **138 weeks**

Clinical Education

Does this program have a requirement for all students to complete at least one clinical education experience for which the students would be required to seek alternative housing or travel accommodations to attend? **No**

Note: Students are responsible for costs associated with housing, travel and food during clinical education.

Additional Comments: **It is not required that students seek alternative housing or travel accommodations, but clinical placement (depending upon where the clinical education experiences are completed) does sometimes make temporary relocation necessary.**

Student Costs

Note: The below figures (Years 1-3) are specific to cohorts matriculating Fall 2026. Annual costs for subsequent years use Academic Year 2026-2027 SD Board of Regents Tuition and Fee Rates for Graduate Students in calculations. These rates are subject to change each year. Students should contact the program for further information related to costs.

	Year 1 2026-27	Year 2 2027-28	Year 3 2028-29	TOTAL
Annual Tuition* – Public Institution, <u>South Dakota resident</u> student ¹	\$15,411.20	\$18,278.40	\$11,468.80	\$45,158.40
Annual Tuition* – Public Institution, <u>Advantage rate</u> student ²	\$24,819.20	\$31,987.20	\$20,070.40	\$76,876.80
Annual Tuition* – Public Institution, <u>Non-resident</u> student	\$38,266.20	\$47,725.80	\$29,945.60	\$115,937.60
Annual Institution Fees* for a full-time student. [Includes general institutional fees]	\$6,786.55	\$8,586.65	\$5,391.80	\$20,765.00
Total expected costs of other program-related expenses [Includes: books, case platform subscriptions, board preparatory materials, internet services, supplies [lab clothing, dissection supplies, PT examination kits], immunizations, health insurance, CPR training]	\$1,345.00	\$708.00	\$598.00	\$2,651.00
Total Estimated Annual Cost				
– South Dakota Resident Student¹	\$23,542.75	\$27,573.05	\$17,458.60	\$68,574.40
– South Dakota Advantage Student²	\$32,950.75	\$41,281.85	\$26,060.20	\$100,292.80
– Non-resident Student	\$46,397.75	\$57,020.45	\$35,935.40	\$139,353.60

Note: Students are encouraged to explore the cost of living for areas where they may choose to live. One possible website:
<https://livingwage.mit.edu/>

Does the institution offer financial assistance specific to DPT students? **Yes; in the form of a financial aid package**

Does the program/institution offer scholarships specific to DPT students? **Yes**

Does the program offer graduate assistantships specific to DPT students? **No**

Note: Other opportunities may exist at the institution for FINANCIAL SUPPORT- please contact the program for further information.

APTA student members are encouraged to visit the APTA Financial Solutions Center at <https://www.apta.org/your-career/financial-management/financial-solutions-center>.

Student Debt Summary

Average student debt from the DPT Program for students who graduated or will graduate between January 1 – Dec 31, 2026:
\$80,678.00

Average total student debt after completing the DPT Program for students who graduated or will graduate between Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2026. Include all student loan debt: **\$92,578.00**

¹The University of South Dakota Doctorate in Physical Therapy program participates in the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education's (WICHE) Professional Student Exchange program (PSEP). This program allows students living in states without public institution DPT programs to attend USD's DPT program at a rate similar to South Dakota resident tuition rates. See <https://www.wiche.edu/tuition-savings/psep/>. WICHE deadlines vary by state and are often early in October.

²A student eligible for the Advantage rate (1) is a child of a USD alumni **OR** a resident of Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Wisconsin, and Wyoming **AND** (2) has received an undergraduate degree from a SDBOR institution (i.e., Black Hills State University, Dakota State University, Northern State University, South Dakota School of Mines, South Dakota State University, University of South Dakota)
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