



Physician Assistant Program Cost

Tuition and fee charges are the estimates from the USD Business Office beginning with the Summer 2026 term. All rates are set by the South Dakota Board of Regents. Estimated Program Tuition and Fee Cost Based on 104 Total Credits*.

	SD Resident	SD Advantage	Non-Resident
First Year			
Tuition	\$9,318.40	\$16,307.20	\$24,330.80
Non-Allied Health Course Tuition	\$6,451.20	\$6,451.20	\$12,404.70
General Activity Fees	\$2,532.20	\$2,532.20	\$2,532.20
SHS Discipline Fees	\$2,875.60	\$2,875.60	\$2,875.60
Anatomy Course Fee	\$279.90	\$279.90	\$279.90
Physiology Course Fee	\$271.50	\$271.50	\$271.50
Clinical Process Management Fee	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Student Malpractice Insurance	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Life, Disability and Accidental Death Insurance	\$107.50	\$107.50	\$107.50
Second Year			
Tuition	\$21,504.00	\$37,632.00	\$56,148.00
SHS Discipline Fees	\$6,636.00	\$6,636.00	\$6,636.00
Delivery Fee (Clinical courses)	\$2,865.00	\$2,865.00	\$2,865.00
Liability Insurance Fee	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Life, Disability and Accidental Death Insurance	\$107.50	\$107.50	\$107.50
Total Program (Tuition/Fees)	\$53,168.80	\$76,285.60	\$108,778.70
Total Program (Including Estimates on Next Page)	\$90,768.31	\$113,885.11	\$146,378.21



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Additional Cost Estimates

Health Insurance*** - Year 1	\$	2,082.00
Health Insurance*** - Year 2	\$	2,082.00
Books Estimate - Year 1	\$	3,300.00
Books Estimate - Year 2	\$	800.00
Seminar/Lecture Travel - Year 1	\$	1,716.80
Clinical Preparation - Year 1	\$	725.00
Clinical Preparation - Year 2	\$	22,608.71
Laptop Computer - Year 1	\$	1,800.00
Lab Coat / Uniform Purchase - Year 1	\$	250.00
Lab Coat / Uniform Purchase - Year 2	\$	100.00
Medical Instruments (estimated) - Year 1	\$	1,200.00
Loan Fee - Year 1	\$	156.00
Loan Fee - Year 2	\$	231.00
Licensure Exam - Year 2	\$	550.00
Estimated Additional Costs	\$	37,599.51

* Housing, food, or miscellaneous costs not included in these estimates. Tuition and fees are subject to change.

** SD Advantage students must have received their undergraduate degree from a SDBOR institution AND be a Child of Alumni or resident of specific states. SD Advantage states include Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. SD Advantage rates will be available to PA students beginning enrollment in the program after July 1, 2025.

*** PA students are also required to maintain health insurance coverage that meets Health Affairs policy requirements the entire time they are in the program. Cost estimate is based on financial aid support.

****The numbers presented in this file are estimates only. Due to the specific nature of each student's financial situation, the actual amounts may vary based on financial aid or other factors.