

PA Program Tuition and Estimated Costs: Class Entering in January 2026

Total tuition and fees paid to the university are \$99,259.45

PRE-MATRICULATION COSTS	DETAILS	TOTALS
PA Program Acceptance Deposit¹	\$1000 per student ¹ - (nonrefundable) <i>Please see ¹ below.</i> <i>Due within the allotted time and applies towards first semester tuition. Accepted candidates who do not pay the \$1,000 deposit within the required time limit forfeit their seats.</i>	\$1000
Initial Background Check and Drug Screen	\$108.00 estimated per student after acceptance into program and through program approved vendor prior to matriculation (cost higher if international background check needed) Certified Background Check Program (Admission), \$75.00 Drug Test (Admission), \$33.00 estimated cost	\$108.00* or higher due to other factors
Immunization tracking for 2 years	Immunization (Admission), \$38.50 Immunization (2nd Year), \$10.00 estimated cost for the two years	\$48.50* or higher due to other factors
Medical Equipment²	Vendor dependent* Estimate \$1200 per student.	\$1000 - \$1200*
Computer (laptop/tablet)	Vendor dependent* (Recommend Microsoft Windows product due to university using Microsoft platform) NOTE-Chromebooks and comparable products are not compatible with many third-party resources used in the PA program	\$1200 - \$1500*
Health Insurance Estimate Required By all PA students³	Vendor dependent* (Rough estimate \$360-400/month for PPO plans in NC) times 24 months	\$8640 - \$9600*
Immunizations or immunity verification and pre-admission physical examination	Vendor dependent* Unable to estimate	\$0-\$100* or higher due to other factors
	TOTAL	\$3,856.50 plus Health Insurance & Immunization costs

UNIVERSITY TUITION	Flat rate tuition ⁴	TOTALS
YEAR ONE DIDACTIC	\$15,000/semester first 3 semesters	\$45,000
YEAR TWO CLINICAL	\$15,000/semester last 3 semesters	\$45,000
	TOTAL TUITION	\$90,000.00

PARKING AND ID FEES	DETAILS	TOTALS
University Student Identification (ID)-LR PA Student ID	No cost for graduate students	\$0
Lenoir-Rhyne University Campus Car Parking Sticker	No cost for graduate students https://www.lr.edu/student-life/campus-safety/vehicle-registration-parking	\$0
	TOTAL	\$0

DIDACTIC YEAR FEES- (*Paid by student directly to vendor)	DETAILS	TOTALS
PA-CAT (if not required for applicant or taken before admission and will be used to assess baseline knowledge)	\$257 https://www.pa-cat.com/	\$257*
Textbook Costs	Most required textbooks and supplemental textbooks are available through Access Medicine through the University Library. Additional textbooks are vendor dependent but estimated to cost at around \$300*	\$300*
Scrubs & Lab Coats	Vendor dependent* Estimated 3 pairs Black scrubs and 1 short white lab coat for didactic phase	\$150-\$175*
AHA (American Heart Association) BLS, ACLS, and PALS	AHA (American Heart Association) Basic Life Support (BLS), AHA Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS), AHA Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Approximately \$150 per student	\$150*
UpToDate Subscription	\$199.50 (two-year membership with AAPA membership)	\$199.50*
Travel expenses – didactic year	\$100/month (estimated at \$0.50/mile traveled) varies based on distance to campus	\$1200*
	TOTAL	\$2,281.50 or higher (*Paid by student directly to vendor) based on travel expenses, textbooks, and uniform costs.

DIDACTIC YEAR FEES – (** Paid to the University as a program fee)	DETAILS	TOTALS
EPI Compliance (HIPAA, OSHA, etc. course)	\$36 per student annually times two-total \$72	\$72**
CORE Technology Suite (ELMS and CompMS)	\$210 per student annually times two-total \$420	\$420**
ExamSoft software	\$210.23 per student beginning of Didactic Year	\$210.23**
Didactic Technology Fee for Sectra Table Technology including VH Dissector Pro and a 2-year subscription to product upgrades and ToLTech's online lessons https://www.toltech.net/products/vh-dissector	\$559.72 per student beginning of Didactic Year	\$559.72 **
DxR Clinician - Virtual Online Case Study Software	\$104.50 per student for Didactic year	\$104.50**
ExamMaster PANCE (Physician Assistant National Certification Examination) Product Subscription	\$100 per student	\$100**
American Academy of Physician Associates (AAPA) Student Membership ⁵	\$75 per student (keeps your membership active until you graduate) https://www.aapa.org/member-central/student-membership/	\$75**
North Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants (NCAPA) Membership	\$20 per student (one-time payment for the entire time enrolled in an NC PA program) Student Membership	\$20**
	TOTAL	\$1,561.45 (** Paid to the University as a program fee)

CLINICAL YEAR FEES- (*Paid by student directly to vendor)	DETAILS	TOTALS
Interval (12 months or less) Background Check and Drug Screen prior to start of Clinical Year	Updated Certified Background Check (2nd Year) \$75.00 Updated Drug Test (2nd Year) \$33.00 estimated per student through program approved vendor	\$108.00* or higher (*Paid by student directly to vendor) due to other factors
Interval required immunizations for the Clinical Year	Estimated up to \$100 per student	\$0-\$100*
Travel expenses – clinical year (from Hickory to average clinical site distance)	\$250/month (estimated at \$0.50/mile traveled)	\$3000* estimated cost

CLINICAL YEAR FEES- (*Paid by student directly to vendor)	DETAILS	TOTALS
Clinical year onboarding expenses	(Estimate \$100/month) X eleven 4-week rotations	\$1100*
	TOTAL	\$4308.00 estimated cost or higher based on other factors

CLINICAL YEAR FEES – (** Paid to the University as a program fee)	DETAILS	TOTALS
Clinical Experience Fee (paid to the university)	\$6,000 per student	\$6,000**
PAEA (PA Education Association) Student Exam Box™	PAEA (PA Education Association) Student Exam Box™ Includes: •Up to two PACKRAT® exams, one for each phase of education. •Ten End of Rotation™ exams for the clinical phase. •One End of Curriculum™ exam to be delivered in the last four months before graduation. \$420 per student	\$420**
Rosh Review Clinical Year	Rosh Review Clinical Year PANCE Qbank + PANCE Power Packs + Rotation Exams Qbank Bundle \$479 per student	\$479**
PANCE Review Course and books	\$799 per student	\$799**
	TOTAL	\$7,698 (** Paid to the University as a program fee)

ESTIMATED LIVING EXPENSES	DETAILS	TOTALS
Rent and Utilities	(Estimate \$1100/month) times 24 months	\$26,400*
Meals	(Estimate \$20/day)	\$14,600*
Clinical year site lodging/housing	(Estimate \$650/month) X eleven 4-week rotations	\$7150*
	TOTAL	\$48,150.00

CERTIFICATION AND LICENSING FEES	DETAILS	TOTALS
NCCPA (National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants) PANCE Exam Cost	\$550 per student	\$550*
NC Medical Board State Licensing Fee	\$250 per student	\$250*
	TOTAL	\$800.00

¹ – Due within the allotted time and applies towards first semester tuition. Accepted candidates who do not pay the \$1,000 deposit within the required time limit forfeit their seats.

² – Total cost is an estimate and will be dependent on the equipment the student chooses to purchase.

³ – Students must maintain personal health insurance during their entire time in the program. This is just an estimated cost for an individual and does not factor in the person's age or pre-existing health status.

⁴ – Total tuition is estimated to increase with each cohort and amounts will be updated as soon as available.

⁵ – AAPA membership is required to obtain the discounted rate for UpToDate two-year membership. Supporting your national PA associations is important and a majority program membership of PA class is required to enter AAPA Student Challenge Bowl at national conference.

* Paid by student directly to vendor.

** Paid to the University as a program fee. (Fees will be tagged as course fees to specific courses in curriculum)

HOUSING OPTIONS IN THE HICKORY AREA

Apartments in Hickory that currently house undergraduate and graduate LR students (pricing information- apartment.com.)

- 1 North Center Street
- Preston Ridge
- Hickory Trace Village
- Argyle Place
- 29 North
- The Legends
- Hawks Landing Luxury Apartments
- The Gates at Highland

Table of estimated rent costs for one- and two-bedroom apartments near the Lenoir-Rhyne Campus, according to Apartment Finder.com, <https://www.apartmentfinder.com/North-Carolina/Hickory-Apartments>.

Apartment Name	Address	Phone	Apartment Finder .com weblink	Cost 1BR to 2BR
29 North Apartments	112 29th Avenue Dr NW, Hickory, NC 28601	(828) 523-8742	https://www.apartmentfinder.com/North-Carolina/Hickory-Apartments/29-North-Apartments	\$1357-\$1684
Hickory Trace Village Apartments	1250 5th St NE, Hickory, NC 28601	(828) 677-3337	https://www.apartmentfinder.com/North-Carolina/Hickory-Apartments/Hickory-Trace-Village-Apartments	\$1099-\$1349

Apartment Name	Address	Phone	Apartment Finder .com weblink	Cost 1BR to 2BR
The Legends Apartments	2101-2051 21st St SE, Hickory, NC 28602	(828) 677-2282	https://www.apartmentfinder.com/North-Carolina/Hickory-Apartments/The-Legends-Apartments	\$1208-\$3049
Preston Ridge Apartments	2001 Startown Rd, Hickory, NC 28602	(828) 827-5350	https://www.apartmentfinder.com/North-Carolina/Hickory-Apartments/Preston-Ridge-Apartments-pqkd7hs	\$1335-\$1842
Apartments On 20 th	1755 20th Avenue Dr NE, Hickory, NC 28601	(828) 826-2485	https://www.apartmentfinder.com/North-Carolina/Hickory-Apartments/Apartments-On-20Th-Apartments-kr9peq8	\$1000-\$1650
Hickory East Apartments	1750 20th Avenue Dr NE, Hickory, NC 28601	(828) 677-2844	https://www.apartmentfinder.com/North-Carolina/Hickory-Apartments/Hickory-East-Apartments	\$1200-\$1350
Laurel Forest Apartments	1721 8th Street Dr NE, Hickory, NC 28601	(828) 548-1651	https://www.apartmentfinder.com/North-Carolina/Hickory-Apartments/Laurel-Forest-Apartments	\$1340-\$1470
Wellington Place Apartments	694 22nd Ave NE, Hickory, NC 28601	(828) 677-2760	https://www.apartmentfinder.com/North-Carolina/Hickory-Apartments/Wellington-Place-Apartments	\$1170-\$1430
Waterford Place Apartments	4000 N Center St, Hickory, NC 28601	(828) 677-3059	https://www.apartmentfinder.com/North-Carolina/Hickory-Apartments/Waterford-Place-Apartments	\$1100-\$1400

UTILITY OPTIONS IN THE HICKORY AREA-Examples listed but also other options

City of Hickory:

- HickoryNC.gov

Power:

- In Hickory, NC, the primary provider of electrical power is **Duke Energy**.

Phone and Internet:

- **Spectrum:**
- **CenturyLink:**
- **AT&T**
- **Metronet**
- And Others