

LENOIR-RHYNE UNIVERSITY

Physician Assistant Studies Program Cost

Class Entering January 2027

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Estimated Total Cost of Enrollment

Class Entering January 2027 Estimated Total Cost of Enrollment (Cost of Attendance): \$178,919.30

Category	Amount
Direct Costs (Tuition & University Program Fees)	\$104,324.00
Indirect Educational Costs	\$19,145.30
Living Expenses	\$55,450.00
Total Estimated Cost of Enrollment	\$178,919.30

Actual costs will vary depending on housing and meal arrangements, health insurance coverage, travel requirements, vendor pricing, and other individual circumstances. Each category is itemized below.

Program Cost Overview

The Lenoir-Rhyne University Physician Assistant Studies Program is a continuous 24-month curriculum of six consecutive semesters, including summer enrollment. The first year is the didactic year, and the second year is the clinical year. The information below itemizes the estimated total cost of enrollment for students entering the program in January 2027, including tuition per semester, tuition and university program fees by year, and all related expenses for the full program.

Applicants should also anticipate application-related expenses. The program participates in CASPA and does not require a supplemental application. CASPA application fees are established by CASPA and paid directly by the applicant. Current application fee information is available on the [CASPA website](#).

Tuition and fees charged by the university will not be reduced due to changes in instructional delivery, scheduling, program requirements, or program activities, including in-person, remote, or hybrid learning formats and any associated modifications that may occur during enrollment. Refunds of tuition and fees, including upon withdrawal, are governed by the university's LR PA Tuition and Fee Refund Policy, available at [Tuition and Refund Policy](#).

Cost estimates are based on information available at the time of publication and are reviewed and updated at least annually. Tuition and university program fees are set by the university and may be adjusted from year to year; costs charged by outside vendors, insurers, and licensing and certifying bodies may also change. Enrolled students will be notified in advance of any change to university tuition or fees, and this page will be updated when changes are approved.

Tuition and University Program Fees

Tuition is \$15,000 per semester for six semesters. Total tuition and fees paid to the university are \$104,324.00: \$90,000.00 in tuition and \$14,324.00 in university program fees.

Category	Year 1 (Didactic)	Year 2 (Clinical)	Program Total
Tuition (\$15,000 × 3 semesters per year)	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$90,000.00*
University Program Fees	\$1,626.00	\$12,698.00	\$14,324.00
Total Tuition & University Program Fees	\$46,626.00	\$57,698.00	\$104,324.00

* Includes the \$1,000 nonrefundable enrollment deposit, which is applied toward first-semester tuition; it is not an additional cost.

University Program Fees

Didactic Year Program Fees

Fee	Amount
HIPAA & OSHA Course (\$36 per year × 2 years, billed in the didactic year)	\$72.00
CORE Technology Suite (ELMS & CompMS) (\$210 per year × 2 years, billed in the didactic year)	\$420.00
ExamSoft Software	\$120.00
Didactic Technology Fee	\$700.00
DxR Clinician Virtual Online Case Study Software	\$119.00
PANCE-Style Question Bank	\$100.00
American Academy of Physician Associates (AAPA) Student Membership ³	\$75.00
North Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants (NCAPA) Student Membership	\$20.00
Didactic Year Fees Total	\$1,626.00

Clinical Year Program Fees

Fee	Amount
PAEA Student Exam Box™ (up to two PACKRAT® exams, one per phase; ten End of Rotation™ exams; one End of Curriculum™ exam in the final four months of the program)	\$420.00
Clinical Experience Fee	\$11,000.00
Rosh Review	\$479.00
PANCE Review Course and Books	\$799.00
Clinical Year Fees Total	\$12,698.00

Total University Program Fees	Amount
Didactic Year Fees	\$1,626.00
Clinical Year Fees	\$12,698.00
Total University Program Fees	\$14,324.00

Indirect Educational Costs

The following estimated expenses are paid by the student to outside vendors and agencies and make up the \$19,145.30 in indirect educational costs. Where a range is given, the higher amount is used in the total.

- Background Checks/Drug Screens (initial and annual renewal, two years total): approximately \$216–\$560, depending on prior residency and other factors
- Immunization Tracking: approximately \$48.50–\$60 for two years
- Required Immunizations: approximately \$200 (see the program's [Immunization and Health Screening Policy](#))
- Laptop Computer⁴: approximately \$1,500
- Medical Equipment (Standard Equipment Package)¹: approximately \$862.80
- Health Insurance²: approximately \$8,500 for two years
- AHA Certifications (BLS, ACLS, and PALS): approximately \$150
- UpToDate Subscription (two years, AAPA member rate)³: \$199.50
- PA-CAT (completed before matriculation): \$257
- Scrubs and Lab Coat (three pairs of black scrubs and one short white consultation-style lab coat): approximately \$156
- Textbooks: approximately \$600
- Travel Expenses (Didactic and Clinical Years): approximately \$4,200
- Clinical Onboarding Expenses: approximately \$1,100
- NCCPA PANCE Examination: \$550
- North Carolina Licensure Fee: \$250

Estimated Living Expenses

- Rent and Utilities: approximately \$26,400

- Meals: approximately \$21,900
- Clinical Rotation Lodging: approximately \$7,150
- Total Estimated Living Expenses: \$55,450

Enrollment Deposit

Accepted applicants must pay a \$1,000 non-refundable enrollment deposit by the designated deadline outlined in their decision letter to hold their seat. The deposit is applied toward first-semester tuition and is already included in the tuition total above. Accepted applicants who do not pay the deposit by the deadline forfeit their seat.

About the Cost of Enrollment

The estimated total cost of enrollment shown at the top of this page is the same figure the university uses as the Cost of Attendance (COA) for financial aid. It has three parts. Direct costs are tuition and university program fees billed by Lenoir-Rhyne University. Indirect educational costs are program-related expenses paid by the student to others, such as equipment, health insurance, immunizations, background checks, travel, certification, and licensing. Living expenses are rent and utilities, meals, and lodging during clinical rotations.

Footnotes

¹ The amount shown is the estimated cost of the standard equipment package; actual cost depends on the specific equipment the student purchases.

² Students must maintain personal health insurance for the entire program. This is an estimate for an individual plan and does not account for age or health status; students with existing coverage may pay less.

³ AAPA student membership is required and is included in the didactic year program fees. Membership provides the discounted rate for the two-year UpToDate subscription, and majority class membership is required for the program to enter the AAPA Student Challenge Bowl at the national conference.

⁴ A Microsoft Windows laptop is recommended because the university uses the Microsoft platform. Chromebooks and similar devices are not compatible with many third-party resources used in the program.