

**Loma Linda University Physician Assistant Program
Estimated Cost of Attendance
2015-2016 School Year**

Program-Related Expenses

The table below is a budget cost sheet according to current tuition and fees for Loma Linda University. Costs for all expenses below are in accordance with current financial aid estimates for the 2015-2016 school year. Please note that **all expenses including tuition and fees are subject to change.**

Master of Physician Assistant Program Student Budget		
Tuition & Fees		
<i>Expense</i>	<i>Preclinical Year</i>	<i>Clinical Year</i>
Tuition	\$48,180	\$34,320
Fees	\$3,072	\$3,072
Laboratory Fee	\$300	---
Total by Year	\$51,552	\$37,392
TOTAL TUITION & FEES	\$88,944	
Miscellaneous Expenses		
<i>Expense</i>	<i>Preclinical Year</i>	<i>Clinical Year</i>
Textbooks	\$2,400	\$1,000
Laptop Computer and Software	\$2,200	
Supplies and Equipment	\$1,200	---
Housing (Room & Board), Personal Expenses, Transportation	\$19,200	\$19,200
Background Check	\$50	\$20
ACLS/BLS	\$316	---
AAPA and CAPA membership dues	\$95	\$20
Total by Year	\$25,375	\$20,240
TOTAL MISC EXPENSES	\$45,615	

Notes:

- Tuition for the 2015-2016 school year is \$660/unit. For students in the PA program, tuition is calculated according to a block system, resulting in the numbers above.
- University fees for the 2015-2016 school year are \$768/quarter. There is no additional charge for student parking, on-campus computer usage and Wi-Fi, library use, malpractice insurance, student health insurance, student services, membership to the Drayson Center, or graduation.

- Additional financial policies, including information on refunds for tuition and university fees, can be found online at [llucatalog.llu.edu/about-university/financial-policies-information/](http://lucatalog.llu.edu/about-university/financial-policies-information/)
- The laboratory fee covers expenses incurred for clinical skills and diagnostics laboratories, and is non-refundable once the course has begun. The program does not charge students additional fees for use of the gross anatomy lab, simulation center or clinical skills center.
- Supplies and equipment include required items such as a stethoscope, handheld portable otoscope/ophthalmoscope, etc. The above estimate reflects an average cost for all items. Please note that financial aid allows for up to \$3,600 for such equipment.
- Laptop computers with wireless capability and a broadband connection are required, and all students must have software compatible with the newest version of Microsoft Office. Additional recommended items such as a personal printer are not included in the estimate.
- For students to obtain financial aid to cover computer expenses, a form must be filed with the Financial Aid office. Please contact the Financial Aid office for more details.
- A smartphone or tablet is not required for the program but most students use them throughout various aspects of the program. Costs associated with smartphone/tablet usage are not included in the above.
- Housing and living costs are based on the living allowance provided by financial aid for off-campus students. Those students who live in an on-campus dorm or with parents will be allotted less per month for housing and personal expenses. Please contact the Financial Aid office for more information.
- Clothing expenses are not included in the budget. The dress code for the program requires students to wear scrubs or business casual clothing during both the preclinical and clinical years. Students often add these expenses to their personal budget before arriving on campus.
- Fees associated with background checks are not covered by financial aid. A separate background check must be completed specifically for the University prior to matriculation and again before the clinical year. Any background checks provided for CASPA will not fulfill this requirement.
- Dues for national and local PA organizations are included in the estimate (\$75 for 2 years for AAPA, \$20 each year for CAPA) because student membership in each is required for the duration of the program. This is NOT covered by financial aid.
- For financial aid purposes, the school year runs from summer through spring. Thus, each student will apply for financial aid (and complete a FAFSA) a total of 3 times.

Expenses after Graduation

Students can expect a number of expenses that will need to be budgeted for immediately upon graduation in order to become certified and obtain licensure as a Physician Assistant. In addition, there are maintenance fees after graduation for practice, including licensure, certification, DEA registration and CME credits. Those graduates who desire to become involved in the profession through participation in the national and state professional associations will also need to budget for membership with these organizations.

Current costs associated with each of the above are listed below:

- Professional Fees upon Graduation
 - Certification examination (PANCE) fee \$475
 - California state licensure \$225
 - DEA registration (if desired) \$731
- Professional Fees after Graduation
 - Maintenance of CA licensure \$312 (every 2 years)
 - Maintenance of NCCPA certification \$130 (every 2 years)
 - Recertification examination \$350 (every 10 years)
 - Maintenance of DEA registration \$731 (every 3 years)
 - Continuing medical education (CME) credits for both self-assessment and performance improvement – variable

- Professional Association Fees (Annual; optional)
 - American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) fellow membership \$295
 - California Academy of Physician Assistants (CAPA) fellow membership \$175 [if staying in CA] or other association dues for outside of CA

Financial Aid

The majority of PA students apply for loans to finance their education at our university. For more information, see our Financial Aid page.