Physical Therapist Assistant Program Specific Costs

In addition to the cost of instructional materials/texts for each Physical Therapist Assistant course (approx $909.00 for 2 years), students should be aware of curriculum specific costs. Please read the following list of Required (R) and Potential (P) costs so you can plan your budget accordingly.

(R) 85.00 APTA Association membership dues--2nd year students

(P) 70.00 Health physical, lab work, immunizations (If you don’t have school insurance or own health insurance)

(P) 90.00 Hepatitis B vaccine (may be required by individual facility)

(P) 100.00 Drug Screening or Criminal Background Check
(may be required by individual facility)

(R) 20.00 – 65.00 CPR certification

(R) (__) Money for gas (students must provide own transportation to clinical facilities)

(P) 3-5.00 One-day parking fees at clinical facility

(P) (__) special clothing and footwear (may be required by individual clinical facility)

(P) 5.00 For day lunch - lunches may be packed or some facilities provide free lunch to student

(R) 5.00 Name tag

(R) 30.00 Professional liability insurance

(P) (__) Cost of emergency services in off-campus educational experiences

It is realistic to expect to spend one clinical experience at a facility that does not allow daily commute from home or campus. The following expenses may be incurred:

(R) (__) Money for transportation to chosen affiliation and back home

(P) (__) Money for lodging (this is variable--some students choose a clinical location where they can live with relatives or friends.)

(R) (__) Money for meals (variable)

(R) (__) Money for transportation from housing to clinical facility

At the completion of the PTA curriculum, New York State requires a $103 fee for licensure, a $50 fee for a limited permit, a $370 licensing examination fee, as well as a sitting fee of $55.60 to Prometric Testing Center where the national exam is offered.