Pennsylvania College of Technology
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2026–27 Tools/Supplies/Estimated Expenses
Physician Assistant Studies
School of Nursing & Health Sciences
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First Year (Didactic Phase)

Textbooks (Required)*	$1,500
Laptop Computer (Required)^	$1,000-$1,500
White Lab Coats (Required)* Must purchase from The College Store • 1 long white lab coat (with or without embroidery, no patch required) for cadaver lab	$25
PCT PA Navy Blue Surgical Scrubs (Required)* Must purchase from The College Store	$35–37 for set
PCT PA Navy Blue Polo Shirts (Required)* Must purchase from The College Store	$20–25/each
Analog watch with second hand (Required)*	$30
Medical Kit, includes the following required items: • Nylon Medical Equipment Bag • Welch Allyn 71-SS2CXX 3.5V Classic Diagnostic Set w/ NiCad Power Handle • 3M Littman Cardiology IV Stethoscope • Adult Blood Pressure Cuff* • Set of Tuning Forks (128 Hz & 512 Hz)* • Reflex Hammer* • Bandage Scissors* • Pocket Snellen Eye Chart* • Pen Light with Pupil Gauge* • Flexible Measuring Tape* • 6-inch Protractor Goniometer* • Monofilament* • Pregnancy Wheel* • Safety Glasses* Medical Kit can be purchased as a single package and shipped directly to the PA Program office via The Medical Store for $743. Students are not required to use this vendor, but they must purchase all items listed.	$743
Sim-Suture Learning System (Required): sim-vivo.com/simsuture.html	$60
AHA Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers Certification (Required) • Must have a hands-on/in-person component. • Can be purchased from vendor of your choice.	$80
Pennsylvania State Criminal Clearance (Required): epatch.pa.gov	$22
Pennsylvania Child Abuse Clearance (Required): www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home	$13
FBI Fingerprinting (Required): uenroll.identogo.com	$26

Program tools, supplies, kits, and uniforms are available for purchase at The College Store: penncollegebooks.com.

Health Insurance (Required)	Varies
Physical Exam, Immunizations/Titers, Two-step PPD, Annual Influenza Vaccination, and Drug Testing (Required) • Can be obtained from College Health Services or personal primary care provider. • Drug testing must be completed at College Health Services. • Must use Penn College Immunization Verification Form and NHS Physical Exam Form (located under Shared Documents).	Varies by individual insurance
PA Program Fee**, covers the following: • 2-Year AAPA Student Membership • 2-Year PSPA Student Membership • Online Student Learning Resources • PAEA assessments (Student Exam Box™ + additional PACKRAT)	$1,196
Off-Campus Housing with monthly average food cost (Optional: the preferred choice of majority of students if housing required) • Average rent in Williamsport PA $1,091/month • Average food expense for 1 person $400/month • Average travel (gas/maintenance) expense $100/month	$19,092 for 12 months
OR On-campus housing (Optional) • Varies by dorm style and number of roommates (per semester $2,958– $4,425) X 3 • https://www.pct.edu/campus-life/campus-housing/on-campus-housing-costs Full College Dining Plan (Optional) • Based on 14 meals/week plan (per semester $2,355) X3 • https://www.pct.edu/student-life/dining/dining-plans	$15,939 for 12 months
Total "other costs related to program for didactic year" • Upper range for laptop, 2 sets of scrubs, lower range 2 polos, and use of off-campus housing estimate. • Any cost which varies was excluded from total.	**$24,868**

Second Year (Clinical Phase)

AHA Basic Life Support (BLS) Healthcare Provider Certification (Required) • Must have a hands-on/in-person component. • Can be purchased from vendor of your choice. • **Do not need to repeat if card from didactic year remains valid through entire clinical year**	$80
Pennsylvania State Criminal Clearance (Required): epatch.pa.gov	$22
Pennsylvania Child Abuse Clearance (Required): www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home	$13
FBI Fingerprinting (Required): uenroll.identogo.com	$26
Health Insurance (Required)	Varies

Physical Exam, Immunizations/Titers, Two-step PPD, Annual Influenza Vaccination, and Drug Testing (Required) • Can be obtained from College Health Services or personal primary care provider. • Drug testing must be completed at College Health Services. • Must use Penn College Immunization Verification Form and NHS Physical Exam Form (located under Shared Documents).	Varies by individual insurance
Student Malpractice Insurance (Required) • Students have traditionally used CM&F but can purchase from any vendor. • Program will provide required liability limits prior to student purchase.	$150
PA Program Fee**, covers the following: • PANCE-Style Question Bank: Blueprint and AMBOSS annual renewal • Clinical Site Registration Fee • Clinical Rotation Fees • Summer PANCE Board Review Course Through a National Third-Party Vendor	$2,365
Off-campus Room, Board, & Travel • All housing, meal, and transportation costs associated with Clinical Year are student's responsibility. • Costs vary by clinical rotation site. Historically, students have reported spending an average of $1,900 per rotation on room, board, & travel. The program requires 8 rotations. • Student must have personal vehicle and will be required to complete daily travel to and from clinical rotation sites as well as return to campus for testing and program activities between each rotation. • All students should anticipate some rotations occurring more than two hours away from campus.	$15,200
Total "other costs related to program for clinical year" • Any cost which varies was excluded from total.	**$17,327**

^ See "Special Equipment Needs" for laptop specifications: www.pct.edu/catalog/majors/pas.

* Denotes items available for purchase through The College Store: www.penncollegebooks.com.

** Denotes costs included in PA Program Fees associated with specific courses occurring each semester. These program fees are listed as a separate item on the tuition bill and will be assessed as follows: $125 Didactic Fall, $651 Didactic Spring, $420 Didactic Summer, $690.50 Clinical Fall, $1375 Clinical Spring, and $300 Clinical Summer.

Important Notes

- Please note, all prices are only approximations and actual costs may vary. Housing, food and travel costs are all best estimates.
- A list of required textbooks will be distributed to students via email prior to the start of the semester. Students may purchase these books through The College Store or an outside vendor of their choice. Purchasing used books may help keep costs down. If purchased through The College Store, students may be able to utilize financial aid funds to cover part (or all) of their textbook expenses. Digital copies of some required textbooks are available to Penn College PA students at no cost via the College's subscription to AccessMedicine through the Madigan Library. Traditionally, students have not been asked to purchase additional textbooks during Clinical

Year, as the books purchased for Didactic Year will also be used throughout the Clinical Year. Should additional texts be required, students will be notified prior to the start of the respective semester.

- All students will be required to have a personal laptop computer. The program does not require you to purchase a particular brand/model of laptop; however, the program has provided a list of highly recommended minimum specifications that students should consider when purchasing their laptop.
- Successful completion of the program necessitates the purchase of specific medical equipment. The program has partnered with The Medical Store to provide some of the supplies as a bundled package at a discounted cost. Students are not required to purchase equipment from The Medical Store; however, students are required to purchase all items listed.
- The program utilizes PAEA exam products to assess student learning and aid in curriculum improvement processes. The program will purchase a PAEA Student Exam Box™ on each student's behalf prior to the start of the Clinical Year and will purchase a remediation PACKRAT on an as-needed basis. PAEA Student Exam Box™ is non-transferable, and any unused exams purchased through this bundle remain the property of PAEA in the event of student withdrawal, dismissal, or successful completion of the PA program. For more information regarding the PAEA Student Exam Box™, please see https://paeaonline.org/wp-content/uploads/imported-files/paea-assessment-student-exam-box-20200102.pdf

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