

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Costs Related to the PA Studies Program

2026–2027 Tuition, Mandatory Fees, and Estimated Additional Expenses

Current published full-time rate: \$14,197.26 per semester, consisting of \$13,077.55 in tuition and \$1,119.71 in mandatory university fees.

Kean University charges students enrolled full-time in the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies Program a special flat-rate tuition and mandatory fee each semester. The program consists of seven semesters.

The same published PA program rate applies regardless of residency status.

Tuition and Mandatory Fees

Charge	Per semester	Seven-semester estimate*
Tuition	\$13,077.55	\$91,542.85
Mandatory university fees	\$1,119.71	\$7,837.97
Total tuition and mandatory fees	\$14,197.26	\$99,380.82

*** Important:** The seven-semester amount is an estimate calculated by applying the 2026–2027 rate to all seven semesters. Because the 29-month program spans multiple academic years, actual charges will be based on the University-approved rate in effect for each semester. Kean University reserves the right to adjust tuition and fees.

Current rate source: [Kean University Tuition and Fees 2026–2027](#)

Estimated Additional Program-Related Expenses

The following costs are estimates and are the student's responsibility. Actual expenses vary by vendor, location, insurance coverage, clinical assignments, and individual purchasing decisions.

Item	Frequency or description	Estimated cost
Medical equipment	Generally one-time at program entry; students may purchase additional equipment.	\$1,500
Textbooks and learning resources	Across seven semesters. Open-access materials are used when possible; students may purchase optional or unavailable texts.	\$1,500
BLS and ACLS certification	BLS should be completed before clinical rotations; ACLS training occurs during the second year.	\$330 total (BLS \$80; ACLS \$250)
Health insurance	Required throughout enrollment; proof of coverage is required.	Varies by policy
Background checks, drug screening, and training	Initial screening before matriculation and repeat screening before clinical rotations. Additional screening may be required by a clinical site.	\$228 standard estimate*
Short white consultation jackets	Most students purchase two.	\$60–\$80
Transportation to clinical sites	Students are responsible for transportation, vehicle-related expenses, parking, mileage, and tolls.	\$5,200
Laptop computer	Required/obtained at admission.	Varies by equipment
Cell phone and service	Needed for program communication and clinical activities.	Varies by plan
Professional memberships	Optional but highly recommended: AAPA and NJSSPA.	\$155 estimated
Certification and licensure	PANCE examination and New Jersey license application, generally paid during the final semester.	\$675 (PANCE \$550; NJ license \$125)
Scrubs	Not required for a cadaver laboratory; some clinical sites permit or require personal scrubs.	\$30–\$60 per pair

* **Background-check note:** The \$228 estimate reflects the stated \$165 pre-matriculation cost plus a \$63 repeat screening. New York residents may pay an additional \$115 for each background check. Some clinical sites may require additional checks.

Understanding the Additional-Expense Estimate

Known itemized estimate: Approximately \$9,678–\$9,728, excluding health insurance, laptop, cellular service, housing, additional clinical-site requirements, and any New York background-check supplements.

Because several significant expenses are variable students should plan for the itemized known costs above plus their individual variable expenses.

Housing and Living Expenses

Kean University is accessible by car, bus, and train, and on-campus parking is free for students. Students who choose to live near campus typically pay approximately \$1,600–\$2,400 per month for rent. Limited graduate housing may be available on campus.

Graduate housing information: [Kean University Graduate Housing](#)

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