

COSTS RELATED TO THE PA STUDIES PROGRAM

Tuition and Fees

The University charges a special flat rate tuition and fee per semester (7 semesters) for students in the Physician Assistant Studies Program. Please see the Student Accounting Web page for current tuition and fees <https://www.kean.edu/offices/student-accounting/tuition-and-fees-2025-2026>

Total tuition and fees for the 7-semester program (as of March 2026):

In-state resident: \$92,879.29

Out-of-state resident: \$92,879.29

Other Expenses: approximately \$33,195

The following is a list of costs associated with enrollment in the program (all costs are approximate). It is the student's responsibility to pay for these items.

Item	Frequency	Estimated Cost
Medical Equipment	One-time cost at beginning of the program; students may choose to purchase additional equipment	\$1500
Textbooks	Wherever possible Open Access to textbooks are used; however, some students may choose to purchase their own copies and some books may not be available online. Students may choose to purchase additional books during the didactic and clinical portions of the programs to provide additional information.	\$1500 over 7 semesters
BLS and ACLS	Students should be BLS certified prior to starting clinical rotations. ACLS training will occur during the second year of the program	BLS - \$80; ACLS - \$250
Health Insurance	All students are required to have health insurance and must show proof of insurance.	Dependent on policy purchased
Background Checks and Drug Testing	Background check and drug testing is done prior to enrollment and a modified background check and drug testing is done prior to clinical rotations. Background check conducted through Castlebranch. Some sites require additional background check if last one was more than 3 months prior to the start of the clinical rotation.	a) \$165 (background check/drug screening - \$90, and HIPAA/OSHA training modules -\$40) prior to matriculation. b) Repeat background check/drug screening prior to rotations \$63. Total cost for 29 months of the program is \$228. (NY residents' pay an additional background

		check fee of \$115 for each background check.)
Short, white consultation jacket	Most students purchase two jackets	\$60 - 80 for two jackets
Transportation to clinical sites	Students bear the costs of travel to clinical sites. Students thus will incur the costs associated with owning a car including car insurance, which is required in the state of New Jersey. Approximate weekly mileage, parking at clinical sites, and the cost of tolls on major highways of NJ are included in this estimated transportation costs.	\$5200
Laptop computer	Once at admission	Dependent on equipment purchased
Cell phone	Once at admission	Dependent on cellular plan
Additional items		
Professional memberships	Students can join AAPA (\$75 for up to 3 years) and NJSSPA (\$50/year); it is highly recommended that students join these professional organizations.	\$155 for both memberships
Fees for certification and license	PANCE is \$550 and NJ license application is \$125. Payment of these fees occur in the last semester of the program.	\$675
Scrubs	There is no cadaver lab so scrubs not required during didactic year. Some clinical sites allow students to wear their own scrubs.	Market price: \$30 to \$60 per pair

Note: Kean University is accessible by car, bus and train. On-campus parking is free for students.

Students who choose to live near the campus typically pay \$1600 - \$2400/month for rent. There is some on-campus housing available for graduate students. Please visit <https://www.kean.edu/reslife/housing-information/graduate-housing> for more information.