

**Chesapeake Area Consortium for Higher Education**  
**Physical Therapist Assistant Program**

*Anne Arundel Community College • College of Southern Maryland • Chesapeake College*  
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**2015-2016**

**Approximate Costs for the Two – Year PTA Program**

This document for the two-year physical therapist assistant program is an approximate guide of the costs of the program. Tuition and fees are based on **2015 -2016** rates. Individual student costs will vary depending on the amount of general education courses already completed.

The PTA curriculum consists of 70 credit hours over 5 semesters. 23 of these credits are general education courses which students will take at their home college (AACC, Chesapeake College or College of Southern Maryland). Each college has different tuition, fees, and other associated costs. Potential students are encouraged to seek financial information specific to their home college by seeing an advisor for that particular college. The remaining 47 credits are the technical physical therapist assistant (PTA) courses. Students register for these courses through their home college and pay tuition and fees and other expenses related to that particular institution.

This is a summary of program costs and relates directly to the technical aspect of the program.

**Mandatory Expenses:**

- Tuition and fees
- Lab Fees
- Lab Equipment
- Books
- Uniform
- Travel expenses

**College Tuition and Fees (Fall 2015)**

School	Tuition (per Credit Hour)	Registration	Other	Other
AACC 2014-20 Catalog, online	\$105 In county \$202 Maryland counties \$357 Others	\$25.00 per term	\$24.00 General Student Fees (per credit hour)	
CSM 2014-2015 Catalog, online	\$120 In county \$207 Maryland counties \$268 Others		23% of Tuition Combined Fee	\$20.00 Telecourse/Web course (per credit)
CC 2014-2015 Catalog, online	\$115 In county \$183 Maryland counties \$260 Others	10.00 per Registration transaction	34.00 Consolidated Fee (per credit hour)	15.00 Capital Improvement Fee (per Registration Transaction)

**Lab Equipment**

Lab equipment is purchased in the first semester in PTA 101 and used throughout the program, both in lab courses and clinical courses. The program uses a select vendor and students must buy the packet from the select vendor. This insures both quality and standardization for teaching. Students **must** purchase these items from the select vendor.

### Lab Equipment

Lab Item	Approximate Cost
Gait Belt	\$15.00
Large Goniometer	\$18.00
Small Goniometer	\$4.00
Tape Measure	\$6.00
Sphygmometer	\$25.00
Stethoscope	\$20.00
Buck Neuro Hammer	\$12.00
<b><i>Approximate Total</i></b>	<b><i>\$100.00</i></b>

### Lab Fees

The total lab and clinical fee for all of the PTA technical courses is **\$1,150.00** (*Fall 2013*)

### Books

The faculty recognizes that physical therapy and medical text books are expensive. Each semester, the program officials carefully select text books that are of high quality, relevant to current practice, and when ever possible, have use in multiple classes and in the clinical setting. Students purchase books from the bookstores at their home college, so costs will vary. The following table indicates the approximate cost of books for each semester in the program

Semester	Approximate Costs of Required Text Books (Fall 2015)
Semester 1	519
Semester 2	389
Semester 3	87
Semester 4	292
Semester 5	90
Total	\$1,377

### Uniform

Students will purchase a required uniform in the second semester of the program. Guidelines for the uniform are in the Student/Program Handbook. The required uniform consists of:

- 1 Program name badge
- 2 Program assigned shirts
- 2 pairs of navy blue pants
- 1 program sleeve patch for lab coat
- 1 Consultation style white lab coat
- Appropriate shoes

Specific guidelines are given to students in the beginning of the second semester. The approximate costs for the uniform is **\$140.00**

### Travel Expenses

Students should consider the cost of travel to both the AACC campus and their home college for didactic and lab courses, as well as travel to their clinical assignments throughout the program. This cost varies greatly depending on the student's residence.

### Fall 2015 Program Expenses (PTA Courses Only)

*All figures are approximate and calculated at AACC student costs. Based on annual tuition of **\$105.00** per credit hour. Book costs are based on cost at AACC with most recent adoption.*

Semester	Courses	Credits	Tuition @ 105/credit	Lab Fee	Required Books	Other	Semester Total
1 – Fall	PTA 101	3	315	75	519	140	1,049
2 – Spring	PTA 102	6	630	225	307	220	2,169
	PTA 106	6	630	75	82		
3 - Summer	PTA 104	6	630	225	87	55	1,232
	PTA 105	2	210	25	0	Travel	
4 – Fall	PTA 201	4	420	75	172	40	1,882
	PTA 202	4	420	75	120	40	
	PTA 203	4	420	100	0	Travel	
5 – Spring	PTA 204	3	315	75	90	40	1,705
	PTA 205	1	105	0	0	40	
	PTA 206	4	420	100	0	Travel	
	PTA 207	4	420	100	0	Travel	
Totals		47	4,935	\$1,150	1,377	575 + Travel	<b>8,037</b> <b>-4,935</b> <b>=3,102</b>

**Program costs (less tuition) = 3,102 (Fall 2015)**

### Cost per student: PTA Total Curriculum – 70 Credits

Tuition, Registration and Other College Fees **(Fall 2015)**

Based on 70 credits and In-county tuition

School	Tuition	Registration	Other	Other	Program	Total
AACC	7,350	125.00	1,680		3,102	12,257
CSM	8,400		1,932	60	3,102	13,494
CC	8,050	50.00	2,380	75	3,102	13,657

