

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

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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 **2019-2020** 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 2019) As of 9/6/19

School	Tuition (per Credit Hour)	Registration	Other	Other
AACC 2019-20 Catalog, online	\$116 In county \$231 Maryland counties \$395 Others	\$25.00 per term	\$22 Educational Services Fee (per credit hour)	\$3 Athletic and Student Activity fee (per credit hour)
CSM 2019-20 Catalog, online	\$131 In county \$229 Maryland counties \$294 Others	\$0	25% of Tuition Combined Fee	\$20 Online/Web course (per credit)
CC 2019-20 Catalog, online	\$125 In county \$193 Maryland counties \$270 Others	\$10 per Registration transaction	\$35 Consolidated Fee (per credit hour)	\$15 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	\$25.00
Large Goniometer	\$18.00
Small Goniometer	\$4.00
Tape Measure	\$6.00
Sphygmometer	\$25.00
Stethoscope	\$20.00
Buck Neuro Hammer	\$12.00
Approximate Total	\$115.00

Lab Fees

The total lab and clinical fee for all of the PTA technical courses is **\$1,530.00** (Fall 2019)

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 whenever 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 2019)
Semester 1	402
Semester 2	526
Semester 3	105
Semester 4	353
Semester 5	166
Total	1,552

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 2019 Program Expenses (PTA Courses Only)

All figures are approximate and calculated at AACC student costs. Based on annual tuition of **\$116.00** per credit hour. Book costs are based on cost at AACC with most recent adoption of required textbooks.

Semester	Courses	Credits	Tuition @ 116 credit	Lab Fee	Required Books	Other	Semester Total
1 – Fall	PTA 101	3	348	100	402	140	\$990
2 – Spring	PTA 102	6	696	300	272	220	\$2538
	PTA 106	6	696	100	254		
3 - Summer	PTA 104	6	696	300	105	55	\$1,413
	PTA 105	2	232	25	0	Travel	
4 – Fall	PTA 201	4	464	100	196	40	\$2160
	PTA 202	4	464	100	157	40	
	PTA 203	4	464	135	0	Travel	
5 – Spring	PTA 204	3	348	100	166	40	\$2008
	PTA 205	1	116	0	0	40	
	PTA 206	4	464	135	0	Travel	
	PTA 207	4	464	135	0	Travel	
Totals		47	\$5,452	\$1,530	\$1552	\$575 + Travel	\$9109 -\$5452 = \$3,657

Program costs (less tuition) = \$3,657 (Fall 2019)

Cost per student: PTA Total Curriculum of 70 Credits
Tuition, Registration and Other College Fees **(Fall 2019)**

School	Tuition	Registration	Other	Other	Program	Total
AACC	8,120	125	1,540	210	3,657	\$13,652
CSM	9,170	0	2,293	520	3,657	\$15,640
CC	8,750	50	2,450	75	3,657	\$14,982

Cost per student: PTA Technical Courses Only (47 PTA Credits)
Tuition, Registration and Other College Fees and Program Lab Fees (**Fall 2019**)

School	Tuition and Fees	Program Expenses (excluding tuition and fees)	Total Cost
AACC	6,752	3,657	\$10,409
CSM	8,216	3,657	\$11,873
CC	7,645	3,657	\$11,302