Interpretive Guide to the

PTA Student Financial Fact Sheet

The Commissioner on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education(CAPTE) requires all Physical Therapist Assistant Programs to "provide the public with current, accurate, reliable, and easily available information about the cost of attendance" (CAPTE Rules of Practice and Procedures 8.20(c) Student Costs).

The fact sheet, provided by CAPTE, is a summary of the tuition costs and average student debt. The annual tuition costs are based on the published tuition price. For current tuition costs, please refer to the Campus Catalog Addenda.

a. The start date and completion date reflect a cohort of students that graduated from the program within the given time frame.

b. The program does not require students to seek alternative housing or travel accommodations to attend school. However, the students are aware they may travel up to clinical externships 60 miles from the school and, depending on the students' situation, may need to secure housing/transportation. (Student can travel further than 100 miles.)

c. Student Costs for Year 1 are based on semesters One through Three and include:
    i. Tuition costs and the $150 registration fee
    ii. Required text books and uniforms
    iii. The PTA program includes general education courses within the curriculum and is not separate from the technical/professional phase

d. Student Costs for Year 2 are based on semesters Four to Five and include:
    i. Tuition costs
    ii. Required text books

e. Total Costs of the program which reflect Tuition Breakdown includes:
    i. Annual Tuition based on costs per credit hour
    ii. Registration fee, uniforms, textbooks, and technology fees
    iii. State specific taxes and fees, as applicable

f. Financial aid options, scholarships and work study, etc. may be available to those who qualify.

g. Student debt from the technical phase: Debt prior to entering in the program is not collected due to Student's Rights and not required by the Department of Education.

h. Student debt after program completion: the institution provides a calculated median debt which includes institutional fees, federal loans, and alternative loans owed once they graduate.

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The data applies to students experiencing the program between Jan. 1, 2026–Dec. 31, 2026.

Length of Program, which includes all student instruction/interaction (including classroom, laboratory, exams, and clinical education). Include the total number of weeks where either full or partial attendance is required.
Length of Program in Weeks excluding breaks: ____75____
Length of Program in Weeks including breaks: _____83___

Clinical Education

Does this program have a requirement for all students to complete at least one clinical education experience for which the students would be required to seek alternative housing or travel accommodations to attend? ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**

Note: Indicate additional costs for which students are responsible during clinical education.

_____N/A_____

Student Costs

Note: Year 1 costs are experienced by students who enrolled in the program for the first time between Jan. 1, 2026, and Dec. 31, 2026. Annual costs for subsequent years are estimates based on the program's historical annual percentage increase of **3%**. Students should contact the program for further information related to costs.

	Year 1	Year 2	Total
Annual Tuition Public Institution, In-District or In-State Student	0	0	0
Annual Tuition Public Institution, Out-of-District or Out-of-State Student	0	0	0
Annual Tuition Private Institution Student	$28,512	$18,304	$46,816
Annual Institutional Fees for a Full-Time Student in the Technical Phase of the Program [Includes general institutional fees, e.g., health insurance, recreation, etc.]	$150	0	$150
Total Expected Cost of Other Program-Related Expenses [Includes: required texts, laboratory fees, and other program costs for the entire technical program.]	$3,230	$335	$3,565

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Total Cost of the Program [Includes: tuition, fees, other program costs for the entire technical program. This includes all credits required to earn the PTA degree.]	$31,892	$18,639	$50,531

Note: Students are encouraged to explore the cost of living for areas where they may choose to live. One possible website is the Living Wage Institute.

Does the institution offer financial assistance specific to PTA students? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does the program/institution offer scholarships specific to PTA students? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does the program offer work-study positions specific to PTA students? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Note: Other opportunities may exist at the institution for financial support. Please contact the program for further information.

APTA student members are encouraged to visit the APTA Financial Solutions Center.

Student Debt Summary

(Programs with less than 10 graduates from Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2026, are not required to complete this section.)

(Include subsidized and unsubsidized loans for total debt to reflect the National Student Loan Data System total debt.)

Average student debt from the PTA program technical phase for students who graduated or will graduate between Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2026. ___$25,440.50_____

Average total student debt after completing the PTA program for students who graduated or will graduate between Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2026. Include all student loan debt.
_____$25,440.50_____