

FINANCE YOUR GRADUATE EDUCATION:

Physician Assistant

January 2024 Cohort

Tuition for the 24-month program
Physician Assistant – \$94,530 (\$15,755 per semester)
Tuition includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• White coat with student ID and program patch• Board Review Preparation• Medical Certifications: HIPAA, OSHA, Bloodborne Pathogens and Universal Precautions• Access Medicine, Osmosis Learning Platform, UpToDate• Parking

Rates subject to change

Program Fees
CastlBranch Background Check & Student Records – \$450 (one-time / PA 500 course fee)
Diagnostic Medical Kit – \$1,200 (one-time / PA 607 course fee)
BLS/ACLS Certification – \$300 (one-time / PS 629 course fee)
Rotation Maintenance Fee – \$1,500 (one-time / PA 641 course fee)
Typhon Patient Tracking – \$95 (one-time / PA 641 course fee)

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General Fees (2023–2024 school year)
Matriculation fee – \$100 (one-time fee)
Technology fee – \$195 (per semester)
Facilities fee – \$45 (per semester)

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Other Estimated Costs
OAPA Student Membership – \$100 (one-time)
AAPA Student Membership – \$75 (one-time)
AAPA Student Conference – \$3,000 (May / registration and travel)
Books – \$300 per semester
Laptop – \$1,000 to \$3,000
Health insurance – \$2,000
Housing, transportation and food – \$25,000

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Visit financial aid's webpage (<https://www.ursuline.edu/academics/programs/master-of-medical-science-mmsc-physician-assistant/cost-and-aid>) and your program director/academic advisor for any other program-specific fees that may impact your student charges and cost of attendance. Course fees vary; please see the schedule of classes for any fees associated with specific courses.

Federal Student Loans

Students working toward a master's degree at Ursuline College may borrow through the Federal Direct Stafford Student Loan programs to assist in financing their graduate education. Any student wishing to apply for the student loan should complete the FAFSA. The form must be completed each year and must list Ursuline College's School Code of 003134 to ensure our receipt of the processed results. The FAFSA may be completed at studentaid.gov. To e-sign the application, students will first need to apply for an FSA User ID and password at studentaid.gov.

FAFSA processing takes approximately two weeks. Students will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) and confirmation page in response to the completed application. Results will also be sent to each college listed on the application.

Graduate students may borrow up to \$20,500 per year through the Stafford loan program based on enrollment and eligibility. Repayment of these student loans is deferred if students maintain at least half-time enrollment (at least 3 credits per semester) and for six months after enrollment on at least a half-time basis is ceased.

- Unsubsidized Loans – Available to all students who attend on at least half-time basis and have not defaulted on a previous federal loan. Interest does accrue while a student is in school and can be paid by the borrower while in school and during the six-month grace period or it can be deferred until repayment of principle begins.
- Graduate PLUS Loan – Graduate students who wish to borrow funds in addition to his or her Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans can borrow a Graduate PLUS Loan. To apply for the Graduate PLUS loan a student must complete an application and promissory note at studentaid.gov. Students must not have an adverse credit history to be eligible to borrow through this program.

Private Alternative Loans

Private Alternative Loans can be used if you have reached the maximum borrowing limits in the Stafford Program and still have educational expenses to cover. There are several private alternative loans available, each with varying loans terms. Applications and additional information about these programs are available through our Financial Aid Office. Please remember that these loans are from private sources and not funded by the government. As a result, additional information and documentation will be requested of you and applicants must be deemed “credit worthy” by the lending institution to be eligible.

Employer Reimbursement & Deferment

Students eligible for tuition reimbursement from their employers who elect to use the reimbursement to pay their tuition and fees must complete a Tuition Deferment Form/Application found in the Student Service Center. Funds must be paid to the college within 30 days following the conclusion of the semester to which the deferment is applied. There is a \$25 enrollment fee for the semester and students must provide credit card information on which the semester’s fees will be charged if payment is not received by 30 days after the last class of the current semester in which the deferment is set up for. For more information, visit the Student Service Center or call 440-646-8309.

Payment Plans

The Ursuline College Monthly Tuition Pay Plan offers students the opportunity to spread tuition payments, interest-free, over four or five monthly installments, per semester. A \$25 fee is assessed each semester in which the payment plan is used. The payment plan is available for fall and spring semesters and students need to sign up for the plan each semester they intend to use it. For additional information on the payment plan, call the Student Service Center at 440-646-8309.

Scholarships and Grants

The following scholarships and grants are available to Physician Assistant students:

- Bridging the Dream Scholarship Program – The Bridging the Dream Scholarship Program for Graduate Students supports Sallie Mae’s mission of helping aspiring students create the life they imagine. Four current and future graduate students will be awarded \$20,000 for their graduate or professional degree. Visit www.SallieMae.com/BridgingtheDreamGrad. Additional scholarships with Sallie Mae: <https://www.salliemae.com/student-loans/graduate-school-information/graduate-school-scholarships/>
- Sallie Mae Graduate School Scholarship Search – www.SallieMae.com/GradScholarships
- National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program (NHSC SP) – Students pursuing primary care health professions training may be eligible to apply to the National Health Service Corps Scholarship

Program (NHSC SP). Awarded scholars provide primary care health services in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs). <https://bhwh.hrsa.gov/funding/apply-scholarship#nhsc-sp>

- PA Student Scholarships – Over the years, the PA Foundation has awarded more than \$2.3 million in scholarships to PA students, benefitting more than 1,400 future PAs. Scholarships are awarded based on the availability of funds provided through contributions from AAPA members, other individuals, and corporate partners. <https://pa-foundation.org/scholarships-fellowships/pa-student-scholarships/>
- The Prentiss L. Harrison Memorial/African Heritage PA Caucus – This scholarship is awarded to a student member of the African Heritage PA Caucus (AHPAC). This scholarship was created to provide financial assistance to AHPAC student members who are considered an under-represented minority within the PA profession and/or considered an economically disadvantaged individual. <https://ahcaapa.mypanetwork.com/page/106-scholarship-information>
- PAs for Latino Health Scholarship – The Physician Associates (Asociado Médicos) for Latino Health (PALH), a caucus of AAPA, offers scholarship grants to currently enrolled PA students. <https://pa-foundation.org/pas-latino-health-scholarship/>
- Indian Health Service (IHS) Scholarship Program – The scholarship provides financial aid to qualified American Indian and Alaska Native undergraduate– and graduate–level students. Recipients must be members of federally recognized Tribes and enrolled in an eligible health profession degree program. In exchange for financial aid, scholarship recipients agree to fulfill a service commitment in full–time clinical practice upon completion of their academic or post-graduate clinical training. <https://www.ihs.gov/scholarship/scholarships/>
- GoodRx – Future Black Physicians and Physician Associates scholarship provides \$5,000 to current or recently graduated PA students who have a 3.0 on a 4.0 GPA scale (or equivalent) and self-identify as a Black or African America students in the healthcare field. Visit <https://www.goodrxhelps.org/> for more information.

Loan Repayment

Programs that repay part of your school loan debt:

- National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Programs – Includes the following:
 - NHSC Loan Repayment Program (NHSC LRP) – Licensed primary care clinicians in eligible disciplines can receive loan repayment. In exchange, you serve at least two years at an NHSC–approved site in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). Website: <https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loan-repayment/nhsc-loan-repayment-program>
 - NHSC Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program (NHSC SUD Workforce LRP) – The NHSC SUD Workforce LRP combats the nation’s opioid crisis. Trained and licensed providers in eligible disciplines can receive loan repayment. You must use evidence–based treatment models to treat substance use disorders. In exchange, you serve at least two years at an NHSC–approved SUD treatment facility. Website: <https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loan-repayment/nhsc-sud-workforce-loan-repayment-program>
 - NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program (NHSC Rural Community LRP) – The NHSC Rural Community LRP is for providers combatting the opioid epidemic in the nation’s rural communities. Licensed primary care clinicians in eligible disciplines can receive loan repayment. In exchange, you serve at least two years at a rural NHSC–approved SUD treatment facility. Website: <https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loan-repayment/nhsc-rural-community-loan-repayment-program>

- Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Loan Repayment Program (STAR LRP) – The STAR LRP repays eligible educational loans. You must work in a full-time SUD treatment job. In exchange, you serve full-time for six years at a STAR LRP-approved treatment facility. Website: <https://bhw.hrsa.gov/funding/apply-loan-repayment/star-lrp>
- Faculty Loan Repayment Program (FLRP) – If you're a faculty member, we'll repay a portion of your health professional student loan debt (\$40,000 max over two years). In return, you serve at an eligible health professions school. Website: <https://bhw.hrsa.gov/funding/apply-loan-repayment/faculty-lrp>

Loan Forgiveness

Federal assistance is available for loan forgiveness. Carefully read all the information provided on the websites to determine your eligibility.

- Public Services Loan Forgiveness – for more information visit <http://studentaid.gov/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/charts/public-service>

Helpful Resources

Ways to pay for graduate school from Sallie Mae: <https://www.salliemae.com/student-loans/graduate-school-information/ways-to-pay-for-graduate-school>

Graduate Housing

For more information about on-campus housing, please visit: ursuline.edu/Student Life/Residence Life. In addition, Graduate Admission has compiled a small list of off-campus housing. Please contact the office at 440-646-8119 for the information.

Office of Financial Aid and the Student Service Center

440-646-8309

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The ARC-PA has granted Accreditation-Provisional status to the Ursuline College Physician Assistant Program sponsored by Ursuline College.

Accreditation-Provisional is an accreditation status granted when the plans and resource allocation, if fully implemented as planned, of a proposed program that has not yet enrolled students appear to demonstrate the program's ability to meet the ARC-PA Standards or when a program holding Accreditation - Provisional status appears to demonstrate continued progress in complying with the Standards as it prepares for the graduation of the first class (cohort) of students.

Accreditation-Provisional does not ensure any subsequent accreditation status. It is limited to no more than five years from matriculation of the first class. The program's accreditation history can be viewed on the ARC-PA website at <http://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-ursuline-college/>