

Program Tuition and Estimated Costs: Class Entering in January 2026

PRE-MATRICULATION COSTS		TOTALS
PA Program Acceptance Deposit¹ <i>ARC-PA Standard D1.02c The implications of non-accreditation by the ARC-PA.</i>	\$1000 per student ¹ - (nonrefundable if program obtains accreditation) <i>If the program is not granted accreditation, accepted applicants who paid their deposits would therefore receive the \$1,000 enrollment deposit refunded in full.</i>	\$1000
Background Check and Drug Screen	\$119.00 estimated per student after acceptance into program and through program approved vendor prior to matriculation (cost higher if international background check needed) CASPA Certified Background Check Program (Admission), \$90.00 Drug Test (Admission), \$29.00 estimated cost	\$119.00* or higher due to other factors
Immunization tracking for 2 years	Immunization (Admission), \$25.00 Immunization (2nd Year), \$10.00 estimated cost for the two years	\$35.00* or higher due to other factors
Medical Equipment²	Vendor dependent* Estimate \$1200 per student.	\$1000 - \$1200*
Computer (laptop/tablet)	Vendor dependent* (Recommend Microsoft Windows product due to university using Microsoft platform) NOTE-Chromebooks and comparable products are not compatible with many third-party resources used in the PA program	\$1200 - \$1500*
Health Insurance Estimate Required By all PA students³	Vendor dependent* (Rough estimate \$360-400/month for PPO plans in NC) times 24 months	\$8640 - \$9600*
Immunizations or immunity verification and pre-admission physical examination	Vendor dependent* Unable to estimate	\$0-\$100* or higher due to other factors
		\$3,854.00 plus Health Insurance & Immunization costs

UNIVERSITY TUITION			TOTALS
Flat rate tuition⁴	YEAR ONE DIDACTIC	\$15,000/semester first 3 semesters	\$45,000

	YEAR TWO CLINICAL	\$15,000/semester last 3 semesters	\$45,000
		TOTAL	\$90,000.00

PARKING AND ID FEES			TOTALS
University Student Identification (ID)-LR PA Student ID	No cost for graduate students		\$0
Lenoir-Rhyne University Campus Car Parking Sticker	No cost for graduate students https://www.lr.edu/student-life/campus-safety/vehicle-registration-parking		\$0
		TOTAL	\$0

DIDACTIC YEAR FEES			TOTALS
PA-CAT (if not required for applicant or taken before admission and will be used to assess baseline knowledge)	\$228 https://www.pa-cat.com/		\$228*
Didactic Year Program Fee	\$275 per student/semester during didactic year (linked to courses-PAP 506, PAP 532, and PAP 552 during each semester)		\$825**
Textbook Costs	All required textbooks and most supplemental textbooks are available through Access Medicine through the University Library. Supplemental study aids/resources/textbooks are vendor dependent but estimated not exceed \$300*		\$300*
Scrubs & Lab Coats	Vendor dependent* Estimated 3 pairs Black scrubs and 1 short white lab coat for didactic phase		\$150-\$175*
VH Dissector Pro and a 2-year subscription to product upgrades and ToLTech's online lessons	\$119 per student https://www.toltech.net/products/vh-dissector		\$119*
AHA (American Heart Association) Basic Life Support (BLS), AHA Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS), AHA Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)	Approximately \$150 per student		\$150*
UpToDate Subscription	\$199.50 (two-year membership with AAPA membership)		\$199.50*
Travel expenses – didactic year	\$100/month (estimated at \$0.50/mile traveled) varies based on distance to campus		\$1200*
DxR Clinician - Virtual Online Case Study Software	\$444.45 per student for didactic year based on class size of 36 students		\$444.45**
ExamMaster PANCE (Physician Assistant National Certification Examination) Product Subscription	\$100 per student		\$100**
American Academy of Physician Associates (AAPA) Student Membership⁵	\$75 per student (keeps your membership active until you graduate)		\$75**

	https://www.aapa.org/member-central/student-membership/	
North Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants (NCAPA) Membership	\$20 per student (one-time payment for the entire time enrolled in an NC PA program) Student Membership	\$20**
	TOTAL	\$3,835.95 or higher based on travel expenses, textbooks, and uniform costs.

CLINICAL YEAR FEES		TOTALS
Interval (12 month or less) Background Check and Drug Screen prior to start of Clinical Year	Updated Certified Background Check (2nd Year) \$40.00 Updated Drug Test (2nd Year) \$29.00 estimated per student through program approved vendor	\$69.00* or higher due to other factors
Interval required immunizations for the Clinical Year	Estimated up to \$100 per student	\$0-\$100*
Clinical Experience Fee (paid to the university)	\$6,000 per student	\$6,000**
Travel expenses – clinical year (from Hickory to average clinical site distance)	\$250/month (estimated at \$0.50/mile traveled)	\$3000* estimated cost
Clinical year onboarding expenses	(Estimate \$100/month) X eleven 4-week rotations	\$1100*
PAEA (PA Education Association) Student Exam Box™ Includes: •Up to two PACKRAT® exams, one for each phase of education. •Ten End of Rotation™ exams for the clinical phase. •One End of Curriculum™ exam to be delivered in the last four months before graduation.	\$420 per student	\$420**
Rosh Review Clinical Year PANCE Qbank + PANCE Power Packs + Rotation Exams Qbank Bundle	\$479	\$479**
PANCE Review Course and books	\$799	\$799**
	TOTAL	\$11,967.00 estimated cost or higher based on other factors

ESTIMATED LIVING EXPENSES		TOTALS
Rent and Utilities	(Estimate \$1100/month) times 24 months	\$26,400*
Meals	(Estimate \$20/day)	\$14,600*
Clinical year site lodging/housing	(Estimate \$650/month) X eleven 4-week rotations	\$7150*

	TOTAL	\$48,150.00
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CERTIFICATION AND LICENSING FEES		TOTALS
NCCPA (National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants) PANCE Exam Cost	\$550 per student	\$550*
NC Medical Board State Licensing Fee	\$250 per student	\$250*
		\$800.00

¹ – Nonrefundable if program is granted Accreditation-Provisional. Due within the allotted time and applies towards first semester tuition. Accepted candidates who do not pay the \$1,000 deposit within the required time limit forfeit their seats. If the program is not granted accreditation, accepted applicants who paid their deposits would therefore receive the \$1,000 enrollment deposit refunded in full.

² – Total cost is an estimate and will be dependent on the equipment the student chooses to purchase.

³ – Students must maintain personal health insurance during their entire time in the program. This is just an estimated cost for an individual and does not factor in the person’s age or pre-existing health status.

⁴ – Total tuition is estimated to increase with each cohort and amounts will be updated as soon as available.

⁵ – AAPA membership is required to obtain the discounted rate for UpToDate two-year membership. Supporting your national PA associations is important and a majority program membership of PA class is required to enter AAPA Student Challenge Bowl at national conference.

* Paid by student directly to vendor.

** Paid to the University as a program fee.

HOUSING OPTIONS IN THE HICKORY AREA

Apartments in Hickory that currently house undergraduate and graduate LR students (pricing information-apartment.com.)

1 North Center Street	29 North
Preston Ridge	The Legends
Hickory Trace Village	Hawks Landing Luxury Apartments
Argyle Place	The Gates at Highland
Waterford Place Apartments	

Table of estimated rent costs for one- and two-bedroom apartments near the Lenoir-Rhyne Campus, according to Apartment Finder.com, <https://www.apartmentfinder.com/North-Carolina/Hickory-Apartments>.

Apartment Name	Address	Phone	Apartment Finder .com weblink	Cost 1BR to 2BR
29 North Apartments	112 29th Avenue Dr NW, Hickory, NC 28601	(828) 523-8742	https://www.apartmentfinder.com/North-Carolina/Hickory-Apartments/29-North-Apartments	\$1239- \$1310
Hickory Trace Village Apartments	1250 5th St NE, Hickory, NC 28601	(828) 677-3337	https://www.apartmentfinder.com/North-Carolina/Hickory-Apartments/Hickory-Trace-Village-Apartments	\$1059- \$1325

The Legends Apartments	2101-2051 21st St SE, Hickory, NC 28602	(828) 677- 2282	https://www.apartmentfinder.com/North-Carolina/Hickory-Apartments/The-Legends-Apartments	\$1217- \$2402
Preston Ridge Apartments	2001 Startown Rd, Hickory, NC 28602	(828) 827- 5350	https://www.apartmentfinder.com/North-Carolina/Hickory-Apartments/Preston-Ridge-Apartments-pqkd7hs	\$1480- \$1647
Apartments On 20 th	1755 20th Avenue Dr NE, Hickory, NC 28601	(828) 826- 2485	https://www.apartmentfinder.com/North-Carolina/Hickory-Apartments/Apartments-On-20Th-Apartments-kr9peq8	\$1000- \$1750
Hickory East Apartments	1750 20th Avenue Dr NE, Hickory, NC 28601	(828) 677- 2844	https://www.apartmentfinder.com/North-Carolina/Hickory-Apartments/Hickory-East-Apartments	\$1100- \$1350
Laurel Forest Apartments	1721 8th Street Dr NE, Hickory, NC 28601	(828) 548- 1651	https://www.apartmentfinder.com/North-Carolina/Hickory-Apartments/Laurel-Forest-Apartments	\$1250- \$1450
Wellington Place Apartments	694 22nd Ave NE, Hickory, NC 28601	(828) 677- 2760	https://www.apartmentfinder.com/North-Carolina/Hickory-Apartments/Wellington-Place-Apartments	\$1125- \$1325
Waterford Place Apartments	4000 N Center St, Hickory, NC 28601	(828) 677- 3059	https://www.apartmentfinder.com/North-Carolina/Hickory-Apartments/Waterford-Place-Apartments	\$925- \$1050