

Rush University PA Program

Estimated Cost of Attendance

The following information is intended to help enrolled students estimate their total cost of attendance at Rush University. The Cost of Attendance (COA) is determined by combining direct expenses, which are directly billed to students by Rush University, and estimated indirect cost-of-living expenses that students will incur. The COA reflects the maximum amount of financial aid students can receive in a given academic year during their enrollment at Rush University.

Direct Expenses

The direct expenses for attending Rush University include tuition and insurance. All charges are divided between the eight semesters of the program. Tuition is subject to annual changes. Check with the program or the Office of Financial Aid for projected tuition rate changes.

Students are required to participate in the school's student health insurance program unless they have a comparable plan that covers them and have received approval for a waiver from the Rush Student Business Office.

Estimated Indirect Cost of Living Expenses

Costs of living are the estimated expenses that students will incur during enrollment that are not paid directly to Rush University. These costs include items such as housing expenses, food, and transportation. They are determined based on analysis of sample data from the Chicago area.

The [Office of Student Financial Aid](#) will provide you with an estimate of these costs.

Tuition is billed directly to the student's account by the University. Actual expenses will vary depending on individual circumstances, so students are encouraged to assess their own anticipated costs while enrolled and budget accordingly. Please note that federal student loans are not available during periods when students are not enrolled (for example, when on a leave of absence).

All categories included as part of the financial aid cost of attendance are increased annually by a standard cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase. The exact amount can vary depending on the publication of the COLA increase by the Social Security Administration.

The table below summarizes the direct and estimated indirect costs of living for attending the PA Program at Rush University. Unless otherwise noted as uncovered, enrolled students can expect the listed amounts to be applied towards their financial aid loan amounts.

**Rush University PA Program Cost of Attendance
Academic Year 2025-2026**

Category	Term 1 <i>Summer</i>	Terms 2 through 4 <i>Fall, Spring, Summer</i>	Terms 5 through 7 <i>Fall, Spring, Summer</i>	Term 8 <i>Fall</i>	Total
Direct Expenses Cost					
Tuition	\$13739	\$41217	\$41217	\$13 739	\$109,912.00
Student Health Insurance*	\$2156.00	\$6467.00	\$6467.00	\$2156.00	\$17246.00
*Health insurance is a mandatory fee, but students can request to waive the insurance upon proof that they have a comparable private insurance plan.					
Indirect Cost of Living					
Living allowance - includes food and housing	\$7680.00	\$23,040.00	\$23,040.00	\$7680.00	\$61,440.00
Books, Supplies, and Equipment	\$500.00	\$1150.00	\$1530.00	\$0	\$3180.00
Miscellaneous	\$2748.00	\$8244.00	\$8244.00	\$2748.00	\$21984.00
Transportation	\$2164.00	\$6492.00	\$6492.00	\$2164.00	\$17312.00
Federal Loan Fees	\$512.00	\$1500.00	\$1500.00	\$512.00	\$4024.00

The following are out-of-pocket expenses for which students are responsible. These are not covered by financial aid.

Category	Term 1 <i>Summer</i>	Terms 2 through 4 <i>Fall, Spring, Summer</i>	Terms 5 through 7 <i>Fall, Spring, Summer</i>	Term 8 <i>Fall</i>	Total
Onboarding fees, Annual drug test, Annual TB test**	\$161.74	\$103.00	\$103.00	\$0	\$367.74
**The onboarding fees cover the background check, medical clearance, and drug screening required prior to PA Program enrollment. Currently these expenses are paid out of pocket.					
The drug and TB tests are repeated annually, at a cost of \$48.00 and \$55.00, respectively, and are required to attend clinical rotations.					
PANCE Registration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$550.00	\$550.00

CTA UPASS: All students receive a UPASS each term upon enrollment in the program, until graduation. The total cost for CTA UPASS enrollment is \$1,680 and is paid for by the College of Health Sciences. A \$50.00 non-waivable fee will apply anytime a student requires a replacement UPASS.

Students can also request additional funding for personal expenses such as the purchase of computer technology, unexpected medical expenses, and dependent care expenses through the Office of Student Financial Aid. Those exact costs may vary by student, and not all students request these funds.

For more information about financial aid resources, please visit the Rush University Office of Financial Aid website [e](#). For details regarding the cost of attendance, please visit the Office of Financial Aid's Cost of Attendance website, available [here](#).