

# TUITION, FEES AND FINANCIAL AID: MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

## Tuition and Fees (2023)

For students entering January 2023 \$109,977.00 (tuition only) for the entire 27-month program\*

\$12,372 (estimated fees) for the entire 27-month program\*

List of Potential Items Included in the Fee Amount

Physical Examination Equipment Package

Pan Optic Diagnostic Set with Lithium Ion Battery

Coaxial Ophthalmoscope

Littman III Stethoscope

Blood Pressure Cuff

Insufflation Bulb

Transilluminator

GYN Light Source

Tuning Forks

Measure Tape

Babinski Reflex Hammer

ECG Caliper

AdLight Penlight

8" Goniometer

Monofilament

Nylon Medical Bag

Welch Allyn Educational Value Pack

White Coat with Logo

Scrubs

Rhode Island Background Investigation

Nametags (PA Student)

Lab Fee

Clinical Rotations and Packrat

Audience Response Clicker

Student Health Insurance

Textbooks and Software

NCCPA PANCE Exam

AAPA Student Membership

RIAPA Membership

Student Activity Fee

Library Fee

Rotation Travel

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## Tuition Deposit

Accepted applicants to the PA Program submit an \$800, non-refundable deposit which is applied to the student's tuition bill. This deposit indicates their acceptance of admission and intention to enroll in the Bryant University PA Program.

## Method of Payment

Bryant University sends electronic bills in lieu of paper bills. When the E-Statement is ready for viewing, students will receive an email notification at their Bryant University email address. The email will provide the website to gain access to their student account and E-Statement. The Student Account Center offers the option to pay online with a check or credit card (AMEX, VISA, MC, Discover, Diner's Club, JCB, UnionPay, BCCard, and DinaCard), establish reoccurring payments, view current activity, view historical billing statements and much more.

Payment is due by September 1 for fall, December 1 for winter, March 1 for spring and June 1 for the summer session.

Students have the option to pay online via the Student Account Center using a credit or debit card. There will be a 2.85% service fee associated with all credit card payments, with a minimum charge of \$3.00.

A student also has the option to pay online with a WebCheck (ACH). There will be no fee associated with the WebCheck payment option. A \$40.00 fee will be assessed to the student's account if a check is returned as uncollectable and a \$3.00 fee for online ACH return fees.

Students also have the option to mail their payment. All checks and money orders should be made payable to Bryant University and mailed to:

Bryant University  
Bursar's Office  
1150 Douglas Pike  
Smithfield, RI 02917-1284

## Late Payment Penalty

A late fee of \$150 will be assessed to the student's account with an outstanding balance of \$1,500 or more if payment is not made by the term due dates. A registration and transcript hold will also be placed on the account and students will not be allowed to register for the following semester until their balance is resolved.

Further, in the event that a student does not pay his/her tuition fees, and the University finds it necessary to send the unpaid fees to a collection agency for collection, the student will be responsible to pay any reasonable collection fees and/or legal fees associated with said collection of the amount owed to Bryant University.

## Tuition Refunds

The Bryant University Bursar will manage all refunds of tuition. Fees are not refundable.

A student withdrawing from Bryant University must contact the PA Program Director and complete a voluntary withdrawal form in the Registrar's Office in order for his/her withdrawal to be official.

Tuition refunds will be calculated as follows:

### Refund Policy

Week/Day	Percentage
1st week of classes	80%
2nd week of classes	60%
3rd week of classes	40%
4th week of classes	20%
After 4th week of classes	No refund

Due to the nature of the PA Program, single courses may not be dropped or added. All coursework must be completed in sequence.

Given the selective basis by which students are admitted to Bryant's PA program, it is essential to understand that when a student accepts enrollment in the program, another applicant who otherwise may have been accepted, has potentially been denied a "seat" in the program. Hence, the rationale of Bryant's formal refund policy is based on costs that are incurred by the institution despite an individual student's decision, for whatever reason, to withdraw. Thus, when and how a student acts on a decision to withdraw from a course may have substantial financial implications as well as academic ones.

## Remedial and Repetitive Work

The total cost of program tuition is divided equally amongst the 9 terms that a student must complete. Each term has a unique credit hour based on the class and the term.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5-9	Total
14 credits - 1/9 Tuition	19 credits - 1/9 Tuition	22 credits - 1/9 Tuition	23 credits - 1/9 Tuition	48 credits (8-12 credits per clinical term) - 5/9 Tuition	126 credits

Repeated clinical rotations are credit bearing and students shall be charged tuition based on a per-credit cost of clinical term tuition (1/48th of 5/9 total program tuition) for the term for which they are registered. Each clinical rotation is 4 credits.

### Repeated Clinical Rotation Scenario:

A situation in which a student must repeat a clinical that they have failed. This would add an extra term to the student's program. For each clinical rotation that is repeated, tuition will be charged as the per-credit cost of the 4-credit clinical, or 4/48 of 5/9 total program tuition. Students may repeat a maximum of one clinical rotation.

## Living Expenses, Travel and Transportation

Students are responsible for arranging their own housing accommodations, transportation, and any expenses associated with travel and relocations occurring as a requirement of the program. During the clinical phase most time will be spent at Supervised Clinical Practice Experiences. The greater majority of these rotations will occur at healthcare facilities within 50 miles of the program; however, students must be prepared to travel to sites outside of this radius.

## Insurance

Students are required to have health insurance while in the PA program. They have the option to use private health insurance or purchase

the Bryant University health insurance policy. Liability insurance is mandatory and is purchased through Bryant University. Please see the student fees section for more information on cost of these separate policies. Students are required to have health insurance while in the PA program. They have the option to use private health insurance or purchase the Bryant University health insurance policy. Liability insurance is mandatory and is purchased through Bryant University. Please see the student fees section for more information on cost of these separate policies.

## Financial Aid

The Bryant University Office of Financial Aid will coordinate financial aid for any student requiring student loans.

In order to be eligible for financial aid, a student must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This document is used to determine eligibility for federal and institutional aid.

After completing the application, students are encouraged to contact the Bryant University Office of Financial Aid and speak with a Financial Aid Counselor.

Office of Financial Aid  
Phone: (401) 232-6020  
Email: [finaid@bryant.edu](mailto:finaid@bryant.edu)

## Financing Options

### William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program

Graduate students enrolled in a degree program on at least a half-time basis (6 credits) may be eligible to borrow through the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program. Students must first complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on the web site. Upon receiving confirmation of eligibility from the financial aid office, student borrowers will need to complete on-line Entrance Counseling and a Master Promissory Note (MPN) on the federal web site.

### Federal Grad PLUS

In addition to the Federal Direct Loan Program, eligible graduate students may also borrow through the Federal Grad PLUS Program. This may be particularly useful to graduate students in need of additional funding beyond the Federal Direct Loan's annual maximum of \$20,500. The application, entrance counseling and Master Promissory Note must be completed.

### Privately Funded Education Loans

A number of privately funded education loans are available to graduate students through non-profit lenders (generally one per state), as well as some of the larger for-profit lending firms. Further details are available in the Office of Financial Aid. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday during regular business hours.

### Veterans Administration Educational Benefits

There are many education assistance programs available to eligible veterans and their dependents. Interested students are encouraged to contact Veterans Affairs at (800) 827-1000 or visit their website at [www.vba.va.gov](http://www.vba.va.gov). There is a Veterans Administration Coordinator located in the Office of the Registrar.

### Private Scholarships

In addition to information readily available through routine web searching, the Office of Financial Aid maintains an up-to-date online listing of scholarship notices from a number of foundations and organizations

promoting their programs. These can be viewed by registered Bryant students in the financial aid section of the University's secure Banner Self-Service SSO portal.