



DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Estimated Indirect Costs of Enrollment in the DPT Program

Health Insurance (required): Cost varies.

Immunizations (required): Students are expected to have updated immunizations that include (cost varies by provider/insurance coverage):

- Hepatitis (Hep B)
- Mumps, Measles, and Rubella (MMR)
- Tetanus – diphtheria – pertussis (TDP or Tdap or Td Booster)
- Varicella/ Chicken Pox
- COVID
- Influenza (some clinical sites)

Screenings: Cost varies.

- Background checks
- Drug screenings
- National Sex Offender Registry
- Other registries as required by states (some clinical sites)

Living and other expenses (varies): Besides the above, students can expect additional costs for room and board, miscellaneous school supplies, etc. Living expenses can vary greatly depending on individual student choices. *Students are responsible for securing their own housing during all clinical rotations. Clinical rotation requests are not guaranteed.*

Clothing Expenses:

- The CHSHS graduate programs require students to follow a business casual dress code. This may require the purchase of additional clothing to accommodate the dress code requirement. Clothing expenses can vary greatly depending on individual student needs and choices. In addition, the program requires clothes for clinical skills laboratory sessions. The cost of lab clothes may vary depending on student choices (t-shirt, shorts, sweatpants, sweatshirt).
- MU DPT Logoed Polo Shirt (optional): One shirt is provided by the program during orientation. Additional shirts are available for purchase for **\$25-\$30** each. Student organizations also offer fundraiser logo apparel and accessory sales each semester.
- White Coat: **\$50**

Personal Laptop Computer (required; estimate): **\$1,200**. The price of computers varies widely and depends on model and configuration. [University Laptop Requirements](#)

Textbooks (estimate): **~\$3,000 (~\$400/semester)**. Textbooks can be purchased through publisher websites or from the Methodist University bookstore.

Anatomy Software: \$65. Software for use during the program is to be downloaded onto a personal computer.

Course Supply and Transportation Expenses - Individual courses may have additional expenses for assignments and participation in community activities. These may include but are not limited to printing costs for posters and brochures for assignments and presentations, gas to travel to a community site, purchase of supplies for class projects, etc. Students will be given advance notice of any of these costs at the beginning of each individual course or before the assignment/presentation/event.

PT Skills Equipment Bag (required): Cost varies, approximately \$100, depending on the choice of equipment.

Scrubs (highly recommended for anatomy labs): **\$50 (varies)**

Professional Association Memberships (highly recommended)

- National PT Association (APTA) Dues: **\$80 (yearly)**
- State PT Association Dues: Cost Varies. North Carolina: \$10 (yearly)

CPR Training (required): AHA CPR/BLS for Healthcare Providers Training. Opportunities will be given to renew certification through Methodist University during the program. The 2-part AHA exam requires an online and in-person check-offs (**approx. \$60**).

Conference Travel and Registration: Cost varies depending on the conference attended. Students must attend one conference during the program.

Graduation Accessories (optional) – Graduation invitations, diploma frames, and other accessories can be purchased. **Cost varies**.

National Physical Therapy Examination Fees: **\$485**. Additional fees may vary per state (jurisprudence examinations or other requirements). Please check the [Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy](#) for more information.

State Licensing Fees: Varies per state.

CLINICAL SITE DEPENDENT

Drug Screen: Students can complete drug screens through CastleBranch, and the cost varies depending on the required 10 or 14 drug panel, which is estimated at **\$45-\$65**. Primary Care doctor may also provide.

Influenza Vaccine: Cost varies depending on availability & coverage, **\$0-\$15**

TB Testing:

- **\$15-\$20** (MU Student Health)
- QuantiFERON - **\$116** (FastMed) if needed

First Aid Training: Cost varies; estimated at **\$28**.

Fingerprinting: **\$12-\$45** (Cumberland County Sheriff Dept provides for county residents. Appointments only-\$12)

Notary of Clinical Documents: Cost varies from **\$0-\$10**.

Background Check and Drug Screening: Initial background checks (CBC) are required for matriculation and are conducted by Methodist University before entry into the program. If additional background checks may be required for participation in the fieldwork phase of the program, the program has partnered with CastleBranch to complete the process at an estimated cost of **\$65**.