

University of Charleston (UC) [www.ucwv.edu/pt]
Doctor of Physical Therapy Program (DPT)
Financial Fact Sheet
2025

The data applies to students experiencing the program between **Jan. 1, 2025 – Dec. 31, 2025**.

Length of Program which includes all student instruction/interaction (including classroom, laboratory, exams, and clinical education). Include the total number of weeks where either full or partial attendance is required.

Length of Program in Weeks excluding breaks: **120**

Length of Program in Weeks including breaks: **136**

Clinical Education

Does this program have a requirement for all students to complete at least one clinical education experience for which the students would be required to seek alternative housing or travel accommodations to attend: **Yes** ☒ **No** ☐

Note: Students are responsible for costs associated with housing, travel and food during clinical education. Additional expectations are as follows:

The expected outcome of the UC DPT curriculum including clinical experiences will be a graduate ready to practice as a generalist physical therapist. While student input to the assignment process is valued and considered, UC DPT cannot guarantee that such requests for clinical matching will be met. The final decision rests with the Director of Clinical Education (DCE) with endorsements from the Core Faculty. The student should be readily prepared to attend an experience that may not have been a top preferred position on the part of the student. The method by which students are selected for clinical sites is determined and approved by the core faculty. UC DPT utilizes a semi-selective, best-fit model that matches the needs of the clinical site, the university, and the student. The rank of priority of needs is: 1) the Clinical Site, 2) the University, and lastly 3) the student. Matching guidelines are as follows for each student:

- a) at least one experience located in greater Appalachia.
- b) at least one experience managing patients or clients with painful conditions.
- c) at least one experience managing patients or clients in an environment where the patient sleeps.
- d) in aggregate, students will experience managing a diverse patient or client workload typical of those commonly seen in practice across the life span and the continuum of care representative of settings where physical therapy is practiced.

Student Costs

Note: These are costs experienced by students enrolled in the program between **Jan. 1, 2024 – Dec. 31, 2024**. Annual costs are estimates and may be subject to increases. Students should contact the program for further information related to costs.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Total
Annual Tuition Public Institution, In-state Student:	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Annual Tuition Public Institution, Out-of-state student:	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Annual Tuition Private Institution Student:	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$24,000	n/a	\$96,000
Annual institutional fees for a full-time student [Includes general institutional fees, i.e., health insurance, recreation, etc.] liability insurance and graduation fees	\$60	\$60	\$260	n/a	\$380
Total expected cost of other program- related expenses [Includes: required texts, laboratory fees , and other program costs for the entire technical program.]	\$2,550	\$1,050	\$700	n/a	\$4,300
Total Cost of the Program [Includes: tuition, fees, other program costs for the entire program.]	\$38,610	\$37,110	\$24,960	n/a	\$100,680

Students are encouraged to explore the cost of living for areas where they may choose to live. While the DPT program at UC is hybrid, you may find the cost of living in central West Virginia to be quite attractive in comparison. Possible comparison websites include: [<https://livingwage.mit.edu/>] [<https://www.nerdwallet.com/cost-of-living-calculator>] [<https://smartasset.com/mortgage/cost-of-living-calculator>] [<https://www.ramseysolutions.com/real-estate/cost-of-living-calculator>]

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Does the institution offer financial assistance specific to DPT students? **Yes** ☐ **No** ☒

Does the program/institution offer scholarships specific to DPT students? **Yes** ☒ **No** ☐

**Tuition discounts are available for certain students including UC alumni, Appalachian College Associate University alumni, and members of the uniformed services.*

Does the program offer graduate assistantships specific to DPT students? **Yes** ☐ **No** ☒

Note: Other opportunities may exist at the institution for FINANCIAL SUPPORT-please contact the program for further information. APTA student members are encouraged to visit the APTA Financial Solutions Center [<https://www.apta.org/your-career/financial-solutions-center>].

Student Debt Summary

(Programs with less than 10 graduates in calendar year 2024 are not required to complete this section)

Average student debt from the DPT Program for students who graduated or will graduate between Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2025: **N/A**

Average total student debt after completing the DPT Program for students who graduated or will graduate between Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2025 including all student loan debt: **N/A**