



# Program Expenses and Cost of Attendance for UMKC PA Students

Anticipated program costs are outlined below by semester. The costs are estimates and are subject to change. Additional costs may also occur during a student's program.

<u>Occurrence</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Kansas City Cost</u>	<u>Columbia Cost</u>	<u>Included in the COA Budget</u>	<u>Notes/Method of payment</u>
Prior to matriculation					
	Background Screen	\$130	\$130	No	Must be completed before final acceptance. Additional screens may be required by clinical affiliates.  Paid out of pocket.
	Drug screen	\$33	\$33	No	Must be completed before final acceptance. Additional drug screens may be required through clinical affiliates.  Paid out of pocket.
	Immunizations/ Physical	Varies	Varies	No	Students are required to meet the program's immunization policy prior to matriculation. The initial cost is dependent on the immunization record of each student, as well as the method of payment (out-of-pocket, insurance, etc.)
All Semesters					
	Health Insurance	\$6,610	\$6,610	Not automatically, see notes.	Students are required to always maintain health coverage while active in the program. Estimated \$2,560 annually based on UMKC student plan.  Can submit a <b>Special Circumstances Appeal Form</b> to get it added into your COA. Student is automatically approved up to the UMKC health insurance cost.

	Follow-up immunizations and screenings	Varies	Varies	No	Cost is dependent on each student's situation and insurance coverage.  Paid out of pocket.
	Follow-up healthcare for possible injury and/or exposure in clinical setting	Varies	Varies	No	Cost is dependent on each student's situation and insurance coverage. If a student suffers an accident, exposure, and/or injury while in the clinical setting, it is the responsibility of the student to cover any additional costs not covered by their health insurance coverage. Costs may include follow-up appointments, laboratory testing, and/or treatments depending on the student's situation.  Paid out of pocket.  Unforeseen medical expenses might qualify for additional financial aid/loans. A request should be made via the <b>Special Circumstance Appeal Form</b> .
	Home internet access	Varies	Varies	Not directly - "Personal Expenses"	Students should have access to high-speed internet throughout the duration of the program.  Paid out of pocket.
	Loan Origination Fees	\$218	\$218	Yes – "Loan fees"	If you take out student loans, the Department of Education charges a <a href="#">loan fee</a> upfront when the funds are disbursed. The fee for Direct Unsubsidized loans are 1.057% and Grad Plus loans are 4.228% of the loan amount.  Automatically taken out of loan disbursement.
Semester 1- Spring					
	Orientation Travel & Lodging in Kansas City:	\$0	\$300.00	Not directly - "Personal Expenses"	Two-day orientation programming will occur in Kansas City the week before classes start. All students are required to attend in-person. Additional expense for Columbia campus students.
	Textbooks & Course Supplies	\$1,370	\$1,370	Yes – "Books"	Cost based on all required texts being purchased. Some texts are available as e-book for no cost via Access Medicine.  Paid out of pocket.
	Medical Equipment (Medkit)	\$744	\$744	Yes – "Equipment"	Paid out of pocket.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Welch Allyn Diagnostic Set: \$500</li> <li>○ Blood Pressure Equipment: \$44</li> <li>○ Stethoscope- Littmann Cardiology IV: \$181</li> <li>○ Reflex Hammer: \$3</li> <li>○ C-512 Tuning Fork: \$8</li> <li>○ C-128 Tuning Fork: \$8</li> </ul>				
	Scrubs	\$150	\$150	Yes – “Equipment”	Approximately \$75/set. Students generally purchase 2 sets, consisting of both shirt and pants.  Paid out of pocket.
	Student White Coat	\$35	\$35	Yes – “Equipment”	Paid out of pocket.
	BLS Certification	\$35	\$40	Yes – “Equipment”	Kansas City- obtained through UMKC Clinical Training Facility  Columbia- obtained through MU Sheldon Clinical Simulation Center  Charged to student account or paid out of pocket.
	Exxat Immunization Tracking System Fee	\$35.00	\$35.00	Yes- "Equipment"	Charged to student account.
	Professional organization membership fees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Academy of Physician</li> </ul>	\$115	\$115	Yes – “Equipment”	There may be additional national and state professional organizations that the student considers joining based on their interests. In conjunction with professional memberships and participation, students often choose to make donations to legislative funds and Political Action Committees (PACs).

	Assistants (\$75 for duration of program) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Missouri Academy of Physician Assistants (\$40 for 2 years)</li> </ul>				Donations such as these are not required by the program and are not covered in the COA, but may be a financial consideration when students are developing personal budgets.  Paid out of pocket.
	Laptop	\$1,500	\$1,500	Not automatically, see notes	The UMKC ExamSoft license does not support iPads, thus a laptop that meets the below standards is required for testing. iPads may be used for other activities. Laptops should meet the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">ExamSoft System Requirements</a></li> <li><a href="#">UMKC New Computer Recommendations</a></li> <li><a href="#">UMKC Options for Software: Microsoft Office</a></li> </ul> Paid out of pocket.  Can submit a <b>Special Circumstances Appeal Form</b> for a <b>one-time</b> laptop purchase up to \$1500.
	Parking on-campus	\$338	\$315	Yes - "Transportation"	1. Student parking pass: (Fall, Spring & Summer, valid through August 16th, 2026): <a href="http://www.umkc.edu/parking">www.umkc.edu/parking</a> Can pay out of pocket or charge to UMKC bill. City-metered street parking is available near the School of Medicine. Meters cost \$1.25/hour. 2. Columbia: Based on Tier 1 level prices.
Semester 2-Spring					
	ACLS Certification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Course fee: \$220</li> <li>Provider Manual: \$40</li> </ul>	\$260	\$385	Yes – "Equipment"	1. Kansas City: Obtain through UMKC Clinical Training Facility  2. Columbia: Obtain through MU Sheldon Clinical Simulation Center  Charged to student account or paid out of pocket.
Semester 3-Fall					
	Drug Screen	\$33	\$33	Yes – "Equipment"	Additional drug screens may be required by clinical affiliates.  Paid out of pocket.

	Annual Immunization Requirements: TB Blood Test & Flu Shot	\$105	\$85	Yes – “Equipment”	<p>1. Kansas City: Obtain at personal healthcare provider or RooWellness. RooWellness does not accept insurance. (TB Blood Test: \$85, Flu Shot: \$20)</p> <p>2. Columbia: Obtain at personal healthcare provider or MU Student Health. MU Health does accept insurance. Rates are based on students with the student Anthem plan. (TB Blood Test: \$85, Flu Shot: \$0)</p> <p>Additional immunizations may be required by clinical affiliates.</p> <p>Paid out of pocket.</p>
Semester 4-Spring					
	Background Screen	\$115	\$115	Yes – “Supplies”	<p>Additional background screens may be required by clinical affiliates.</p> <p>Paid out of pocket.</p>
	Textbooks	\$310	\$310	Yes – “Books”	Paid out of pocket.
	Exact Immunization Tracking System Fee	\$35	\$35	Yes – “Equipment”	Charged to student account.
	PALS Certification	\$200	\$385	Yes – “Equipment”	<p>Kansas City: Obtain through UMKC Clinical Training Facility</p> <p>Columbia: Obtain through MU Shelden Clinical Simulation Center</p> <p>Charged to student account or paid out of pocket.</p>
	Conference Attendance: Missouri Academy of Physician Assistants	Varies	Varies	No	<p>Attendance is not required.</p> <p>Paid out of pocket.</p>
	White Coat Ceremony Travel	\$0	\$150	Yes- “Transportation”	Occurs in Kansas City. All students are required to attend in-person. Additional travel expense for Columbia campus students.
	Parking on-campus	\$338	\$315	Yes- “Transportation”	<p>1. Kansas City: Student parking pass: (Fall, Spring &amp; Summer, valid through August 16th, 2026); <a href="http://www.umkc.edu/parking">www.umkc.edu/parking</a></p> <p>Can pay out of pocket or charge to UMKC bill. City-metered street parking is available near the School of Medicine. Meters cost \$1.25/hour.</p>

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Clinical Phase: Semesters 5-7					
	Housing & Transportation: Clinical Rotations	\$4,000	\$4,000	Not automatically, see notes	Housing and transportation for all clinical rotations while enrolled in the program is the responsibility of the student. Students should expect that 30-40% of rotations (4 of 12) in the clinical phase will be outside of the Greater Kansas City area, with the majority of these occurring in Missouri and Kansas. Cost is dependent on the location of rotations.  Paid out of pocket.  Can submit a <b>Travel Expense Form</b> for required travel.
	Clinical Rotation Application Fees and Clinical Onboarding Requirements	\$100	\$100	No	Some rotations require an application fee, which are the responsibility of the student. Application fees are approximately \$50 and are required for very few rotations. Additionally, some clinical sites require the use of a third-party vendor (such as myClinicalExchange) to manage student onboarding requirements. These onboarding systems require a membership fee from students (approximately \$90 for one year).  Paid out of pocket.
Semester 5-Summer					
Semester 6-Fall					
	Drug screen	\$33	\$33	Yes – “Equipment”	Additional drug screens may be required by clinical affiliates.  Paid out of pocket.
	Annual Immunization Requirements: TB Blood Test & Flu Shot	\$105	\$85	Yes – “Equipment”	Additional immunizations may be required by clinical affiliates.  1. Kansas City: Obtain at personal healthcare provider or RooWellness. RooWellness does not accept insurance. (TB Blood Test: \$85, Flu Shot: \$20)  2. Columbia: Obtain at personal healthcare provider or MU Student Health. MU Health does accept insurance. Rates are based on

					students with the student Anthem plan. (TB Blood Test: \$85, Flu Shot: \$0)  Paid out of pocket.
Semester 7- Spring					
	NCCPA Certification Exam Registration Fee	\$550	\$550	Yes – “Board Exam Fees”	Paid out of pocket.
	BLS Re- Certification	\$35	\$40	Yes – “Equipment”	Kansas City- obtain through UMKC Clinical Training Facility  Columbia- obtain through MU Sheldon Clinical Simulation Center  Charged to student account or paid out of pocket.
	Textbooks	\$75	\$75	Yes – “Books”	Paid out of pocket.
	Exact Immunization Tracking System Fee	\$35	\$35	Yes – “Equipment”	Charged to student account.
	Professional organization membership fee: • Missouri Academy of Physician Assistants Student Membership (Renewal)	\$40	\$40	Yes – “Equipment”	Paid out of pocket.
	Capstone and End of Program Events (2 days)	\$0	\$300	No	Two-day end of program events will occur in Kansas City. All students are required to attend in-person. Additional expense for Columbia campus students.  Paid out of pocket.
	Commencement Regalia	\$65	\$65	No	Participation in Hooding & Commencement ceremonies are optional.  Paid out of pocket.

### What is the Cost of Attendance (COA)?

The Cost of Attendance is the combination of your Direct Costs (your bill) and Indirect Costs incurred while attending UMKC as an individual student. It is the estimate or “budget” that UMKC gives a student to budget with each semester. The Cost of Attendance budget categories are divided into: Room and Board, Transportation, Equipment, Books, Personal Expenses, Loan Fees, and Tuition. Not all expenses required for the program are eligible to be included in the Cost of Attendance.

The Cost of Attendance is the same for all students attending the PA program at the same campus, varying only by residency status (in-state or out-of-state) and whether you live on-campus, off-campus (as an individual), or off-campus as a dependent (e.g. at home with parents).

The Cost of Attendance is the ceiling at which you'll be offered aid, thus a student cannot take out more aid than the allotted COA budget. All loans, scholarships, grants, etc., must fit under this Cost of Attendance ceiling amount. UMKC will offer you loans equal to the full Cost of Attendance. **Just because you are offered these loans, does not mean you should accept the full amount.** Your COA is a broad estimate of expenses for students in the same program. They are not unique to your budget and spending habits. You should create a budget and only accept the financial aid that you need.

The UMKC Cost of Attendance is updated annually based on regional cost of living data, student surveys, and academic unit input to create the budget for each program. Expenses that are included must be uniform and required by the program for all students.

## What resources are available to increase my Cost of Attendance?

### Special Circumstances Appeal Form

Sometimes, unforeseen financial emergencies arise and might leave you with less financial aid to live on than originally budgeted. Financial Aid offers a [Special Circumstance Appeal form](#) that provides a "reimbursement" in the form of additional student loans to pay for approved financial emergencies. You will submit this form if you have already taken out your maximum available loans for this year. A Special Circumstance Appeal increases your financial aid budget by the amount of the financial emergency and offers you a new student loan to cover this cost.

Examples of covered expenses **are the annual cost of health insurance**, major car repairs, and a one-time laptop purchase. Each appeal is reviewed on a case-by-case basis and you will submit the form through your [Secure Document Uploader](#) on Pathway. **You must submit this form in the same semester that the cost was incurred.**

Additionally, UMKC has a variety of resources and services available to help meet students' basic needs. The resources can be found on the [Basic Needs](#) website and by contacting their staff.

### Funding for Clinical, Conference, and Interview Travel

Students can request an increase in their financial aid budget for approved required travel expenses. The Travel Expense Form provides a "reimbursement" in the form of additional student loans to pay for transportation and living expenses while traveling for educational experiences. You will submit this form if you have already taken out your maximum available loans for the year. The [Travel Expense Form](#) increases your financial aid budget by the amount of the travel expense and offers you a new student loan to cover this cost. Clinical travel is always evolving, and students should contact the Financial Wellness Counselor to ask about any updates to funding options prior to submitting a Travel Expense Form.

On the form, you will be asked to provide an estimate of your expenses and provide any receipts and documentation of the purchase. If your actual expenses come in under your estimated expenses, your financial aid budget will be adjusted back down to match your actual expenses. **You must submit this form in the same semester that the cost was incurred.**

NOTE: Groceries and housing are already built into your regular Cost of Attendance budget for each term. If you need housing for clinical rotations, you can request the amount that is **over** your already allotted housing allowance. This nuance of the form can be tricky, so contact the Financial Wellness Counselor if you need help completing it!

Each request is reviewed on a case-by-case basis and you will submit the form through your [Secure Document Uploader](#) on Pathway. Find the form on the Financial Wellness Canvas site.

The form must be signed by an academic unit prior to submission. Meet with the Financial Wellness Counselor to review the form and get a signature.

**Fee Information:**

**Ancillary fees** - Ancillary fees are mandatory fees incurred by all enrolled students attending UMKC and cannot be waived.

All PA students, regardless of campus, pay the UMKC Student Life Fee.

The Student Life Fee funds the UMKC programs and services listed below. Students at the Columbia campus have access to equivalent MU programs and services without any additional fees.

- Roo Wellness
- University Libraries
- Maintenance and operational support of campus facilities
- Free access to campus transportation shuttles
- Intercollegiate athletics
- Campus Recreation
- Special events and entertainment
- Student clubs and organizations

**School of Medicine Program Simulation Fee** – The School of Medicine charges a program fee each semester that funds our simulation education. This fee is mandatory for all School of Medicine students and cannot be waived.

Fees are included in your Cost of Attendance budget in the “Tuition and Fees” line item. For more information, please visit this [page](#).

For additional information and resources, access the [UMKC School of Medicine Financial Wellness Canvas Site](#).