

Nursing Program Costs

The cost for a nursing education is higher than for some other courses of study. This is partially due to the fact that faculty to student ratio is required by the state and by our clinical agencies to be low (8 students to 1 instructor). In addition, the expenditure for medical supplies and equipment is very high and repairs and replacements are costly. The fees for clinical placement of students are also significant.

The college attempts to match these costs by seeking State of Washington “high demand funds” (higher than usual reimbursement rates for nursing students’ education) and by seeking grants from both federal and local agencies.

Nursing students are expected to purchase certain medical equipment and supplies and to pay for some supplies that are purchased en mass for them. Nursing students also pay for Nursing Standardized Testing, simulation and nursing software. These costs are reflected in their Nursing Student Lab Fees (NS Lab Fee). Since nursing students utilize the computer system for assignments and for communication, a computer fee is also required. The Technology Fee is a student body approved fee which provides funding for increasing the use of technology across campus.

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES (Estimates are for WA resident students)

Please note that expenses are subject to change. Check current class schedule for most up to date pricing

ONLINE TRANSITION COURSE	\$57.30
PAX TESTING	\$39
BACKGROUND CHECKS	National – starts at \$55 WATCH - \$15
HIV/AIDS CERTIFICATION	\$75 on average – prices vary based on location
BLS CPR CERTIFICATION	\$65 on average – prices vary based on location
TUITION (NURS 110 – NURS 220)	\$1230/quarter
TUITION (NURS 230)	\$1175
LAB FEES	\$2670.94 - \$402.73/quarter
CAMPUS ENHANCEMENT FEE	\$50/quarter
TECHNOLOGY FEE	\$35/quarter
TEXTBOOKS	\$3000 - \$5000 (throughout the program)
UNIFORM	\$100 (approximate cost)
WHITE SHOES	Prices vary
ANALOG WATCH (w/second hand)	Prices vary
GOGGLES	\$15
NAME PIN	\$10
STETHOSCOPE (professional quality)	\$40 - \$150
PERSONAL INSURANCE	Prices vary
LICENSING* (Upon successful completion)	\$350 - \$500

***State Board Licensing Exam Information.** The RN license application asks a number of personal background questions having to do with medical conditions, use of controlled substances, and various legal, civil and criminal situations. You are advised to go to the website and review the questions on the application. If you anticipate problems with any of these questions, it is suggested that you consult with the Associate Dean of Nursing before proceeding with program prerequisites. It might also be advisable to contact the Washington State Nursing Commission, PO Box 1099, Olympia, WA 98507-1099. <http://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/NursingCommission/NurseLicensing.aspx>