



Doctor of Physical Therapy Program Financial Information

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In choosing physical therapy you have a rewarding career ahead of you. These rewards are professional, personal and financial. Your physical therapy graduate education at Southwest Baptist University is a long-term investment in your future. As with many good investments, there is an initial cost that will pay off in the long run. As you analyze the costs of various programs keep in mind that SBU offers one of the lowest total tuition rates for DPT programs for private universities in the nation.

Tuition, Fees and Costs ¹ :		Special or One Time Fees and/or Costs:	
Tuition	\$35,000 / year	Deposit (goes toward tuition) ²	\$1000
Curriculum fee ³	\$270 / year	Graduation fee	\$265
Course fees ⁴	\$2700 (3 yr total)	APTA membership (optional)	\$100
Health fee	\$102 / year	Liability Insurance ⁵	\$50
Technology fee	\$314 / year	Wellness Center (per semester - optional)	\$162
Books and other supplies	\$1000 / year	Intramural Fees (per season - optional)	\$10

¹The University reserves the right to modify tuition and fees during your academic career

²Paid in two equal installments prior to enrollment, non-refundable

³Paid annually in two equal installments for fall and spring semesters

⁴Paid per course enrollment: Year 1: PTH 5047 (\$700), PTH 5631 (\$500), PTH 5641 (\$500), Year 2: PTH 6651 (\$500), PTH 6671 (\$500)

⁵Other Clinical Education related costs (e.g. travel, housing) may be involved depending on specific site assignments is the responsibility of the student

Office of Financial Aid

Southwest Baptist University Office of Financial Aid will provide guidance to students in meeting their financial obligations. Most assistance is awarded on the basis of financial need and the total amount of assistance cannot exceed the cost of attendance. Application for assistance is made by completing and filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. All assistance application forms must be completed before aid can be awarded by the University. Questions concerning the application process, application deadlines or the following available assistance programs should be directed to the office of financial aid (417) 328-1822. <http://www.sbuniv.edu/FinancialAid/> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/144639735728942/>

For Financial Aid purposes, SBU is designated as a “trailer” institution in such that we file for financial aid at two points during the academic cycle (fall and spring). The student should take out enough financial aid to cover all anticipated expenses that “trail” or follow the award leading up to the next award cycle. For example, when applying for financial aid during the spring semester, the student should also request enough monies to cover them for the summer months leading up to the fall.

Payment of Accounts

Students must pay two non-refundable \$500 acceptance deposits upon acceptance into the program which will be applied to tuition. All charges for tuition, fees, campus room and board are due twice a year (spring and fall). Students waiting on loans to pay their account will be allowed to defer the amount due from the various loan programs until they are received by SBU. However, loan applications must be completed and in the possession of the Office of Financial Aid before consideration will be made for deferring the amount. If other payment arrangements are necessary, please contact the Office of Credit and Collections at (417) 328-1570.

Federal Direct Loan Program

Most SBU DPT students utilize loans as a primary source of funding for their graduate education. This can be a combination of private or public loan programs. Recent changes to the federal loan programs have made some private loans more appealing to some students than the traditional government sponsored loan programs.

Carefully investigate all of your options before making a final funding choice. Federal Direct Loans, historically, have been the primary means by which SBU DPT students finance their graduate school. The most accurate information regarding this program may be found online at:

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/understand-aid/types/loans>

Direct Grad PLUS Loans

Many SBU graduate students are now utilizing this loan program in addition to the Direct Loan program. For the most current information regarding this program, please review this website:

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/plus>

Scholarships

Students are encouraged to find private sources of scholarships to fund their education. Some hospitals and physical therapy clinics, especially in rural areas, provide tuition assistance for students who agree to work for them later. You should evaluate these offers carefully but many graduates of the SBU physical therapy program have been successful in making these arrangements.

There are a variety of sources of scholarships and grants from private organizations that you may be eligible for but which requires some research on your part. Some of our students have been successful in acquiring a number of small scholarships that added up to larger amounts. The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) keeps a regular webpage dedicated to scholarship hunting and financial aid information. Other sources of information about funding your graduate education include various Internet sites. Be cautious in using the Internet searches. We do not recommend using any site that charges a fee or ask for a credit card number. The SBU PT program does not endorse any specific search product but lists the following for your convenience:

<http://www.apta.org/ProspectiveStudents/>

<http://www.apta.org/CurrentStudents/>

<http://msfdn.org/harveyfellows/overview/>

<http://www.ihs.gov/scholarship/index.cfm?>

<http://www2.ed.gov/finaid/landing.jhtml?src=ln>

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/>

<https://www.SallieMae.com/GradScholarships>

Bill Karl Physical Therapy Student Emergency Fund

SBU physical therapy students with unforeseen special needs/circumstances are eligible to apply for a loan of up to \$500 from the Bill Karl Physical Therapy Student Emergency Fund. This fund was founded by family and friends of Bill Karl, a graduate of the class of 1998 who died in an automobile accident. Bill was class president and recipient of the first Outstanding Physical Therapy Student Service Award.

Sports Physical Therapy Scholarship

This private scholarship shall be awarded to one or more worthy students preparing to be Christian Doctors of Physical Therapy at Southwest Baptist University with a specialization or demonstrated interest in sports physical therapy. Applications are taken in the spring of each year for this award. *Currently, this scholarship is not available for consideration.*