



BYU-IDAHO PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Extra Costs Notification

As part of the application process, you will be required to read the following information.

The PTA program does require students to incur costs beyond the normal costs of tuition and books. Below is an explanation of extra costs that a student should expect when they are admitted and agree to participate in the BYU-Idaho physical therapist assistant program.

1. Students who apply and are enrolled in a cohort of the second year of our 1+1 program, must complete 2 semesters of classroom course work and 2 clinical externships. There is no formal “off- track” during this time. Clinical externships earn academic credit and students must pay for these credits the same as any other coursework on campus. Clinical externships run 7 weeks in length (40 hours per week). This means that a student must complete a total of 14 weeks (560 hours) of clinical training. Students get valuable and necessary hands on experience in these clinical courses. However, students are required to fund their own travel, housing and living expenses at these externships. Externships are complicated to arrange. Clinical site owners and staff members are asked to train you in an apprenticeship style experience. This often means that the clinical site owners and staff must decrease their own load and revenue to help you. In order to avoid overwhelming local clinical sites with these requests, we develop contract opportunities all over the country. We will randomly assign students to attend one of our viable and contracted externship sites.

The following cannot be stressed enough:

Students should be prepared to fund the travel and living expense of an externship anywhere in the United States. Students who cannot leave the area for any reason should avoid applying to the program as the inability to complete a clinical externship will void your opportunity to complete the PTA program and sit for the national licensure exam

2. Many of our contracted externship sites have requirements for students that will require extra costs. These requirements include (but are not limited to) background checks, specific immunizations, uniforms, drug screening, and first aid/CPR certification. Students must bear the cost of any of these extra requirements.
3. Fees. Some courses in the PTA program have fees associated with them. These fees are used to cover expenses such as lotions, gels, electrodes, laundry, name tags, and other incidentals that arise in the training curriculum.
4. Students will be expected to pay for a national licensure exam. The cost to take this exam may differ by slight amounts depending on what state a student applies for licensure in. However, a student should expect to pay around 500.00 dollars to cover all the costs of sitting for this exam. A Program fee will be applied each semester to help cover the cost of this exam.