

Expenses

Students should be prepared to budget for additional costs inherent in the nursing program, beyond tuition and usual fees. For example:

<input type="checkbox"/> Malpractice Insurance	\$26.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Testing Fees	\$167.00 (approximate)
<input type="checkbox"/> Program Fees	\$500.00 per year
<input type="checkbox"/> Uniform	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Lab Kits	\$50.00 (approximate)
<input type="checkbox"/> Books	\$500 – 750.00 (approximate)

Scholarship money is often available to help students cover extra fees. Some additional expenses associated with graduation are as follows: Board Application (\$175), NLCEX (approximately \$200); Board Review course (\$200). The prices quoted are from the class of 2008 and will vary from year to year.

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Financial Aid

Financial Aid from federal, state, and private sources is available to assist students in the Nursing Program to meet their educational expenses. The College participates in all of the major federal programs, including the Pell Grant, the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal Work-Study, Perkins Loans, Nursing Student Loans, and the Stafford Loan Programs. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has provided additional scholarship assistance and allowed the College to waive the tuition of some students with financial need. Awards from all of these programs are based solely on students' demonstrated financial need.

Several private organizations and donors provide financial assistance to nursing students. Smith Charities of Northampton provides funds to certain young applicants who apply during their first semester from Northampton, Easthampton, Hadley, Amherst, Hatfield, Williamsburg, Whately, Deerfield, and Greenfield. A special loan program is available for the emergency use of Associate Degree Nursing students. The Mary Butler Nursing Loan Program was established in 1982 and is managed through the Financial Aid Office. Some area hospitals offer scholarship assistance to their employees who are pursuing nursing education. Interested students may obtain necessary application materials and additional information from the Financial Aid Office at the college and from the Program Coordinator.

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