

Differential Tuition Request

College/School:	UNM School of Medicine
Dept./Program:	Department of Orthopaedics – Division of Physical Therapy
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Level: Undergraduate Graduate

Note: Proposed New Differentials will be applied by student type (major). For Main Campus units, all differential tuitions will be charged by student type (major) and will follow the tuition block.

Requested Differential Tuition (Shown as an amount per student credit hour):

Student Type	Current Differential	Proposed Differential	Increase/Decrease or New Differential
Residents	\$167.60	\$ 342.40	\$ 174.80
Non-Residents	\$167.60	\$ 342.40	\$ 174.80
Other	\$	\$	\$

Effective Academic Year: AY 2025/2026

If the differential tuition request is approved, it will be applied in the following academic year beginning in the fall semester.

Rationale for Request: *Please provide a detailed explanation on the reasoning for the increased/Decreased or new differential tuition. Please refer to policy **UAP 8210 2.2** for qualifying justification for differential tuition.*

The current differential tuition was originally calculated in 2007 when the department had 7 faculty members and accepted 24 students per cohort. In the past 15+ years the department has grown to 11 full time faculty with specializations that meet the educational needs for the program and is now accepting 30-33 in a cohort to meet workforce needs. This increase in students has led for the program to increase the number and hours of employed TAs and the number of faculty to adjust to the new demands of the program. The budgeted salary has increased from \$1,100,063.00 to \$1,601,540.85. The increased differential tuition will allow the program to recruit and maintain the current level of faculty expertise for the program and add additional faculty to improve our teaching balance.

To meet the need of our accrediting body (CAPTE) we must employ Teaching assistants (TAs) to maintain a proper teacher/student ratio of 1:12-15 for each lab class. The current need requires hiring teaching assistants to cover 977 hours of teaching for the program. In order to recruit the teaching assistants (who are primarily clinicians in the region) the hourly pay needs to be competitive with their hourly salary in a clinic. From 2007 to current levels we increased class size, causing us to have to hire more TAs to meet the accreditation ration. In addition, the cost of hiring these TAs increased from \$50/hour to \$80/hour over the course of these 15+ years.

There is an additional \$501,477.85 salary for faculty and support staff or \$5571.98 per student per year.

In addition to personnel needs, cost of program supplies and equipment have greatly increased in the 15+ years since setting the current differential tuition. This increased cost has been covered by reserves and the result is we are now without reserves and have been at a budget deficit of over \$70,000 for the past two fiscal years.

Here is the current expense per student per year (3 years):

Item	Cost/student/semester	Notes
Cadaver	\$500	
Orientation Supply Kit	\$67.69	This is for the orientation kit given to each student upon entry into the program (includes blood pressure cuff, stethoscope etc.)
Simulated patients	\$122.22	Used for skills assessment – an accreditation requirement
Software - Exxact	\$111.21	This is for tracking and placing students in clinicals, this is also used for tracking and assessing our curriculum and outcomes
Software- Examssoft	\$93.33	Secure platform utilized for all testing in the program, including high stakes comprehensive testing
Software - Truelearn	\$33.33	Platform for student practice before the national board
TherapyEd Prep class	\$93.33	National prep class to organize students in their studies as they head out to last two terms of clinicals prior to taking the National Exam in April or July
CAPTE accreditation fee	\$56.50	Yearly accreditation fee is currently at \$5085 per year
ACAPT fee	\$44.44	Membership in American Council of Academic Physical Therapy
Events	\$290	This includes Convocation, Induction (white coat), Orientation, Interview days
Total fees/supplies	\$1420.13	
Total Faculty/support	\$5571.98	
TOTAL Increased cost	\$6992.10	Program is 120 credits x 3 years
Per credit deficit at 40 credits per year	\$174.80	

**Total increased cost of the program per student per year= \$6992.10
(Faculty/support \$5571.98 + program cost \$1420.13)**

40 credits per year \$6992.10/40 = \$174.80 per credit hour in deficit.

Market Analysis: *Please provide detailed information on whether the college/school or department/program cost of instruction is markedly higher than the university average program costs or market conditions warrant additional tuition.*

Current UNM Costs

3 Year Doctoral Program (DPT)

\$84,692.30 in state; \$130,689.90 out of state

The UNM Physical Therapy program is a doctoral level program that requires 120 credits for graduation.

Comparable UNM Program Costs

(two-year programs, with adjust potential 3-year cost comparison in parenthesis):

2-year programs

1. Masters: Occupational Therapy:

\$56,755 in state (\$85,132.5)**; \$109,082 (\$163,623) out of state

** HRSA's Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students ends this academic year, 24/25

2. Masters: Physician Assistant

\$87,101 in state (\$130,651.50); \$122,772 (\$184,158.00) out of state

The PA program is currently at a higher cost than Physical Therapy.

Student Consultation: *A preliminary request should be submitted to the provost office (Main Campus) or Chancellor's Office (Health Sciences Center (HSC)) no later than October 1st Per policy it must be posted to the unit's website no later than October 1st to allow for at least 30 days of constituent comment prior to final submission to the Provost or Chancellor by November 1st.*

Please provide an explanation on how you plan to communicate the proposed differential tuition request to students, and the feedback you have already received from students on this request if any.

Students will be notified of the increase in writing prior to the increase going into effect.

Accountability/Budget Information: *Please provide budgetary information about how the revenue generated will be expensed. It is highly encouraged to set aside a portion of the revenue generated by the differential for financial aid (see policy UAP 8210 2.2.2).*

Financial Aid Set Aside Amount: 0 %

Proposed Annual Revenue

Differential Tuition (per student credit hour)	\$ 342.40
Projected # of Student Credit Hours (all student credit hours taken by student majors in the program)	120 credit hours for 90 students per year
Total Revenue	\$ 3,697,920.00

\$3,697,920.00 Differential tuition + \$920,880.00 I&G = \$4,618,800.00

Proposed Annual Expenditures

Financial Aid Set Aside (%)	\$ 0
Faculty Expense	\$ 1,421,402.85
Advising Personnel	\$ 0
Support Staff Expense	\$ 180,138.00
Operating Expenses	\$ 3,017,259.20
Total Program Costs	\$ 3,598,847.56

Please provide a detailed explanation on how the revenue will be used for this program:

Please reference the rationale above. We will utilize this increase to cover the expenses for operations outlined above.

Student Access and Affordability: *Please explain how student access and affordability will be address.*

Student financial aid cost of attendance would be adjusted based upon increase to tuition differential. The program will also continue to work with the New Mexico American Physical Therapy Association to increase financial assistance for program participants.

Peer Comparison Chart: *Please complete the Excel peer comparison spreadsheet. If the peer institutions listed does not have a similar college/school or department/program add an institution that most closely resembles your unit. Please note this adjustment below.*

Physical Therapy Program	In State Tuition total	Out of State Tuition total
UNM Proposed	\$91,684.40	\$137,682.00
University of Arizona	\$90,491.40	\$148,253.04
AT Still, Mesa AZ (124 weeks)	\$135,897	\$135,897
Northern Arizona University (96-week program)	\$69,900	\$101,900
University of Colorado	\$90,435	\$121,117
Colorado Mesa University (in candidacy – accreditation visit 2025)	\$74,148	\$105,513
Regis University	\$188,594	\$188,594
University of Texas - El Paso	\$57,896	\$109,896
Texas Tech University	\$49,278	\$91,278
University of Nevada - Las Vegas	\$83,850.50	\$101,606.50
University of Utah	\$80,514	\$155,209
Rocky Mountain University	\$119,513	\$119,513

Other Information: *Please provide any additional information that supports this request for differential tuition.*

We admit students that need more support. These costs provide improved support for graduation rate (98%), passing our national board (100%) and placement in the workforce (100%). We prioritize our New Mexican applicants.

Dean/Director Approval:

Printed Name: Beth Moody Jones, PT, DPT, EdD

Division Chief and Program Director

Signature:  Date: 10-25-24