

Mercy Health Sciences University 2026-2027 Academic Year Tuition and Fee List

University Catalog Appendix A

Tuition and fees listed below are for the **2026-2027** academic year and will apply to each academic period with a start date between **July 1, 2026** and **June 30, 2027**. Tuition for any academic period with a start date outside of this date range will not be governed by this Appendix.

Tuition and fees are subject to change. Changes impacting the current academic year will be reflected in a separate appendix with the effective date prominently disclosed. An Appendix A for each prior and future academic year will be included in each catalog. **Each student will incur and be responsible for paying the tuition and fees disclosed in the Tuition and Fee Appendix A for each respective academic term in which the student is enrolled.**

Regular Tuition

Undergraduate Tuition (amount per credit hour attempted): **\$770.00**

Undergraduate tuition is calculated on a per-credit-hour basis and covers all undergraduate programs and all undergraduate course enrollments **EXCEPT**, courses required to earn the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, RN-to-BSN Degree, Paramedic certificate and Medical Assistant certificate. The tuition is charged on a per credit hour basis for all hours attempted.

Undergraduate **Audit Tuition (amount per credit hour attempted):** **\$193.00**

Tuition charged when neither a letter grade nor academic credit is awarded by the University and when enrollment in the course is reflected on the student's transcript. This rate applies to all undergraduate courses except the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree. See the Academic Policies and Procedures Section of the Catalog for more information.

Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing Tuition (rate per credit hour attempted) **\$810.00**

The Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) program tuition is calculated on a per-credit-hour basis and covers nursing courses which have the naming format NUA-####.

Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing **Audit Tuition (amount per credit hour attempted):** **\$203.00**

Tuition charged when neither a letter grade nor academic credit is awarded by the University and when enrollment in the course is reflected on the student's transcript. This rate applies to all courses which have the naming format NUA-####. See the Academic Policies and Procedures Section of the Catalog for more information.

Graduate Tuition (amount per credit hour attempted) **\$441.00**

Tuition for all graduate degrees is calculated on a per-credit-hour basis for each graduate level course attempted.

Graduate **Audit Tuition (amount per credit hour attempted):** **\$111.00**

Tuition charged when neither a letter grade nor academic credit is awarded by the University and when enrollment in the course is reflected on the student's transcript. This rate applies to all graduate courses. See the Academic Policies and Procedures Section of the Catalog for more information.

RN-to-BSN Tuition (amount per credit hour attempted): **\$436.00**
The RN to BSN program tuition is calculated on a per credit hour basis and covers nursing courses which use the **NSG-4##** course number format.

Paramedic Tuition (amount per credit hour attempted): **\$420.00**
The Paramedic tuition only applies to and covers professional courses required to earn the Paramedic certificate which use the **EMS-###** course number format.

Medical Assistant (MA) Tuition (amount per credit hour attempted): **\$420.00**
The MA Program tuition only applies to and covers professional courses required to earn the MA certificate which use the **MA-###** course number format.

NOTE: Any student who is required to or elects to repeat any course will incur tuition charges equal to the number of credit hours repeated at the applicable per-credit-hour rate. Repeating a course is not free.

Certificate Tuition

Emergency Medical Technician Certificate

\$1,250.00

Tuition rate applied when a student enrolls in the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course offered on the Mercy Health Sciences University Campus. A student may elect to take this course for academic credit. If a student elects to take the course for credit, the business-office policies which normally govern short-term certificates are not applicable, but instead, all for-credit policies, including tuition and fee amounts will apply.

Critical Care Paramedic Certificate

\$1,200.00

Tuition rate applied for the course leading to the endorsement as a Critical Care Paramedic (CCP). A student may elect to take this course for academic credit. If a student elects to take the course for credit, the business-office policies which normally govern short-term certificates are not applicable, but instead, all for-credit policies, including tuition and fee amounts will apply.

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Certificate

\$1,600.00

Tuition rate applied when a student enrolls in the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) course. The AEMT certificate is a course where an existing EMT will expand their knowledge, skills, and abilities. The course focuses on emergency care but has content covering medical and traumatic emergencies, adult and pediatric patients, acute and chronic medical conditions, intravenous therapy, and pharmacology. A student may elect to take this course for academic credit. If a student elects to take the course for credit, the business-office policies which normally govern short-term certificates are not applicable, but instead, all for-credit policies, including tuition and fee amounts will apply.

Certified Nurse Assistant Certificate

\$1,500.00

Tuition rate applied when a student enrolls in the Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) course. Our three-week Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program will lay the foundation for your future career in healthcare. Typical responsibilities include bathing, grooming, transferring or rooming patients, and advocating for their concerns to their healthcare providers. A student may elect to take this course for academic credit. If a student elects to take the course for credit, the business-office policies which normally govern short-term certificates are not applicable, but instead, all for-credit policies, including tuition and fee amounts will apply.

Certificate Tuition Notice

Full Payment for all certificate courses is due at the time of registration and is **non-refundable** after the first day of class. Deferred payment plans are not offered by the University for certificate programs. Students are not considered registered until Full Payment is received.

If a student is unable to attend any class, the student has a duty to contact the instructor prior to the class to discuss the matter. If a student fails to attend the first class and has not contacted the instructor prior to the class to obtain permission, the student will be administratively dropped from the class by the University and the amount paid by the student will be refunded. If a student wishes to drop a course and receive a tuition adjustment, the student must submit all completed paperwork to the Registrar on or before the first day of class.

The election to take a certificate course for credit must be made by the student at the time of registration. After the class has started this choice is irrevocable.

Academic Fees

Challenge Examination:

Fee set by & paid to third-party exam administrator

Students, who believe they are knowledgeable in certain subject areas and wish to receive University credit for this knowledge, may challenge the course by sitting for the Challenge Examination. Not all courses at Mercy Health Sciences University are available for students to challenge. If a CLEP exam is available for a course, the student may only take the CLEP exam. Mercy Health Sciences University will award credit hours through Challenge Examinations provided that the student achieves at least 80 percent on the test in question. The student must pay the Challenge Examination fee to the third-party examination administrator prior to taking the Challenge Examination.

Placement Examination:

Fee set by & paid to third-party exam administrator

After admission to the University, some professional programs may require the successful completion of a placement exam. The placement examination will be administered for the purpose of appropriately placing the student in the professional program. Placement exams cover various topics, but the most common topics include reading, math, science, and English & language usage. Names of third party exams include ATI TEAS, Accuplacer and Compass. A fee will be assessed by and paid to the third-party exam administrator when registering for the exam and scores will be provided by the exam administrator to the University.

Screening Services Subscription

Fee set by & paid to third-party exam administrator

To ensure the safety of all students and patients and to meet regulations of our clinical partners regarding student participation in clinical site experiences every student seeking admission to an academic major that includes a clinical, preceptorship, internship, or similar experience with the potential for patient interaction must establish an account with our screening services provider. The screening services provider will initiate a national criminal background check, a dependent adult abuse check, a child abuse check, a 10-panel drug screen and will provide a repository for all documents showing proof all personal health screens, vaccinations and training (e.g. CPR) have been completed by the student. A fee will be assessed by and paid to the third-party administrator and the University will have access to each student's account.

ASN Material Fee (charged terms 1 & 2):

\$1,720.00

Each ASN student will be charged a fee to cover supplies and materials issued or made available to the student to help prepare for successful completion of the NCLEX-RN licensure exam. This fee will cover but is not limited to NCLEX review materials provided online or on paper, supplemental education aids provided online or on paper and any disposable supplies issued to or used by students as part of a nursing course with a lab component. The fee will be charged to each student two times in the amount shown.

BSN Material Fee (charged in terms 1 & 2):

\$1,720.00

Each BSN student (excluding RN to BSN and Accelerated BSN students) will be charged a fee to cover supplies and materials issued or made available to the student to help prepare for successful completion of the NCLEX-RN licensure exam. This fee will cover but is not limited to NCLEX review materials provided online or on paper, supplemental education aids provided online or on paper and any disposable supplies issued to or used by students as part of a nursing course with a lab component. The fee will be charged to each student two times in the amount shown.

- Accelerated BSN Material Fee (charged in term 1, module A & term 2, module A):** **\$1,378.00**
Each Accelerated BSN student will be charged a fee to cover supplies and materials issued or made available to the student to help prepare for successful completion of the NCLEX-RN licensure exam. This fee will cover but is not limited to NCLEX review materials provided online or on paper, supplemental education aids provided online or on paper and any disposable supplies issued to or used by students as part of a nursing course with a lab component. The fee will be charged to each student two times in the amount shown.
- Nursing Program Clinical and Lab Make-up:** **\$150.00**
Nursing students who miss a clinical or lab experience and must make it up at a later date will be assessed this fee. The fee must be paid prior to attending the make-up session. If the fee is not paid, the student will be precluded from attending that session.
- Allied Health and Liberal Arts and Sciences Clinical and Lab Make-up:** **\$50.00**
Students who miss a clinical or lab experience and must make it up at a later date will be assessed this fee. The fee must be paid prior to attending the make-up session. If the fee is not paid, the student will be precluded from attending that session.
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography Fee (each term):** **\$250.00**
Students enrolled in Diagnostic Medical Sonography major will be assessed a fee each term due to additional costs associated with the major that are not captured in the normal tuition rate.
- Paramedic Field Experience Licensing Fee (charged in term 1):** **\$200.00**
A fee will be assessed on each paramedic student during the first term of enrollment. The fee covers the additional cost of student licensing fees for testing, scheduling, and competency tracking software.
- Radiologic Technology Boot Camp Fee (charged in term 2):** **\$252.00**
Students enrolled in the Radiologic Technology major will be charged a fee to cover the cost of review materials and registration to help increase the likelihood of passing the AART Exam.
- Administrative Fees**
- Installment Payment Plan Participation Fee:** **\$40.00**
A student may elect to participate in an installment payment plan with the University. In order to enter into an installment payment plan, the student must complete the following on or before the first day of each term: (i) pay 25% of the total tuition and fees due, (ii) pay the participation fee and (iii) execute an installment payment plan agreement. The University will allow the student to pay the remaining balance due in no more than three equal installment payments over the term.

All terms and conditions of the installment payment plan will be stated in the plan document. Students who fail to comply with the terms of an installment payment plan, or who have made a late payment to the University or who have issued a check to the University that has been returned for insufficient funds may be prohibited from entering into an installment payment plan for subsequent terms. Installment payment plans are not available to students enrolled in non-credit certificate courses.
- Diploma Replacement:** **\$25.00**
A fee is charged for a replacement diploma.
- Graduation:** **\$110.00**
A fee is charged in the final semester of a student's academic degree or certificate to cover the costs associated with commencement ceremony activities and is required from all graduating students, whether the student attends the ceremony or not.

Late Fee:	\$80.00
In any term in which Full Payment of all tuition and fees is not received by the due date a late payment will be assessed. See Financial Information section of the University Catalog for more information.	
ID Badge Replacement:	\$15.00
A fee is charged to replace a lost or stolen ID badge.	
Parking Violations:	\$45.00
A fee may be imposed upon any student who parks in any area on the University main campus or the Mercy Medical Center campus, which is not expressly identified and designated for student use, this includes but is not limited to spots designates as “Guest” spots. In addition, a fee may be imposed upon any student who fails to properly place a valid University parking sticker in his or her car.	
NOTE 1: Mercy Health Sciences University Students are not permitted to park at 921 6 th Avenue, also known as ACE and/or University Hill. If you park at 921 6 th , Newbury Living (the building owner) will have your vehicle towed. The vehicle owner will be solely responsible for all towing and impound fees.	
NOTE 2: Parking in a spot marked for handicapped persons without the proper state-issued permit is a violation of state law. The University will contact the Des Moines Police Department when violations come to our attention. The vehicle owner will be solely responsible for all towing and impound fees.	
Impression Fee for Printing and Copying – Black Ink:	5 cents per single-side page
Students who exceed the allocated quantity of free impressions for copying and printing each term will incur an impression fee. A copy or print request that has content on both sides of the sheet of paper will be charged two impressions.	
Impression Fee for Printing and Copying – Color Ink:	15 cents per single-side page
Students who exceed the allocated quantity of free impressions for copying and printing each term will incur an impression fee. A copy or print request that has content on both sides of the sheet of paper will be charged two impressions. Any copy or printed page that utilizes a colored-ink output device will be charged the colored copy fee for each impression generated by the device regardless of the amount of colored ink used to generate the impression.	
Plotter Printer Poster:	\$10.00 per poster
Any member of the campus community who wishes to print a single-sided, 3-foot x 4-foot poster will incur this fee regardless of the ink colors or quantity of ink used.	
Returned Check:	\$30.00
A fee is charged each time a student’s check is returned, whether for non-sufficient funds (NSF) or any other reason. In the event a check is not honored by the drafter’s financial institution and if a subsequent attempt to pay tuition and or fees occurs after the payment deadline, a late payment fee may also be imposed. A student who issues a subsequent check to the University that is not honored by the drafter’s financial institution (e.g. a second NSF) may not participate in an Installment Payment Plan.	
Transcript:	\$10.00
A fee is charged for each official transcript provided. This fee is charged via a third party.	
Application Fee:	\$25.00
A fee is charged to each person submitting an application for admission to the University	

Mercy Health Sciences University Training Center Courses and Fees

The Mercy Health Sciences University Training Center offers healthcare continuing education which in general have a duration of 8 hours or less. The Training Center is located on the garden level of the ACE building, 921 6th Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309. A list of current courses, their duration and the associated cost is available at:

<https://mchs.enrollware.com/schedule>. Course offerings may change from time-to-time without notice.

Full Payment for all Training Center courses is due at the time of registration. Mercy Health Sciences University **does not** issue refunds for Training Center courses, **except** EMT, AEMT, CCP and CNA courses. Instead of issuing refunds, the University allows each student to schedule a same-class registration for a later date at no additional cost, as long as the student submits a cancellation request at least **one business day** before the first day of class. Refunds are offered for EMT, AEMT, CCP and CNA courses as identified in the Certificate Tuition Section above.

At the time of registration you will be provided with a refund notice mirroring the above and you will check a box stating you read and agree to these terms.