



Financial Aid Cost of Attendance (COA)

How is the Financial Aid Cost of Attendance (COA) Calculated?

Your financial aid cost of attendance (COA) is the estimated average and reasonable cost of completing an academic year at Rasmussen University. An academic year usually consists of nine months (three quarters). Your COA serves as the foundation for determining your financial need as well as the amount of financial aid, including grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study that can be offered to you. The COA can only include costs for the individual student. The Student Financial Aid Office may adjust the COA for students on a case-by-case basis to address individual, unique circumstances.

Your actual charges for tuition and fees, also known as **Direct Costs**, will be different than what is reflected in your financial aid COA. That is because the COA is based on estimated averages. To view your actual tuition and fee charges, go to the [Account Center](#). **Indirect Costs** are external expenses that you may incur during the academic year as part of your educational experience. These costs are **not billed to your student account**, but they are part of the Financial Aid COA.

COA figures are established through student surveys and other research and may include the components below:

- ✓ Tuition and Fees (based upon projected enrollment)
- ✓ Books and Supplies
- ✓ Living Expenses
- ✓ Personal Costs
- ✓ Transportation

All COA components shown below are for nine months and full-time (12+ credits per quarter). Students attending less than full-time are eligible for financial aid; however, the COA, expected family contribution (EFC) and maximum awards may be adjusted for attending less than full-time attendance and/or less than an Academic Year.

EXAMPLES of 2023-2024 Undergraduate Financial Aid Cost of Attendance (COA)

Average Direct Costs	All School except Nursing & Health Sciences	
	Living With Parent	Not living With Parent
Tuition	\$11,241	\$11,241
Fees	\$2,097	\$2,097
Books, course materials, supplies, and equipment	\$360	\$360
TOTAL Average Direct Costs*	\$13,698	\$13,698
Estimated Indirect Costs		
Living Expenses**	\$ 4,986	\$ 9,936
Personal Costs	\$ 3,114	\$ 3,114
Transportation	\$ 2,673	\$ 2,673
TOTAL Estimated Indirect Costs***	\$ 10,773	\$ 15,723
Total Estimated COA	\$ 24,471	\$ 29,421

*Actual tuition, fee, and book charges vary by student, credit load, and program of study. To view your actual charges, go to the [Account Center](#).

** Military students receiving Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) will have a reduced living expense due to it only including the food allowance within this component.

***Actual costs vary by student, based on student choice, and travel habits.

	School of Health Sciences	
	Living With Parent	Not living With Parent
Average Direct Costs		
Tuition	\$11,241	\$11,241
Fees	\$2,097	\$2,097
Books, course materials, supplies, and equipment	\$360	\$360
Administrative Fee*	\$350	\$350
TOTAL Average Direct Costs**	\$14,048	\$14,048
Estimated Indirect Costs		
Living Expenses***	\$ 4,986	\$ 9,936
Personal Costs	\$ 3,114	\$ 3,114
Transportation	\$ 2,673	\$ 2,673
TOTAL Estimated Indirect Costs****	\$ 10,773	\$ 15,723
Total Estimated COA	\$ 24,821	\$ 29,771

*One-time administrative fee charged for Medical Assisting Diploma, Medical Laboratory Technician Associate, Physical Therapist Assistant Associate, Radiologic Technology Associate, and Surgical Technologist Associate Degree. For detailed information on the program administrative fee, visit the Program Administrative Fee page in our Course Catalog.

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	School of Nursing		School of Nursing - BSN	
	Living With Parent	Not living With Parent	Living with Parent	Not living With Parent
Average Direct Costs				
Tuition	\$16,884	\$16,884	\$17,091	\$17,091
Fees	\$2,097	\$2,097	\$2,097	\$2,097
Books, course materials, supplies, and equipment	\$360	\$360	\$360	\$360
Administrative Fee*	\$495	\$495	\$495	\$495
TOTAL Average Direct Costs**	\$19,836	\$19,836	\$20,043	\$20,043
Estimated Indirect Costs				
Living Expenses***	\$ 4,986	\$ 9,936	\$ 4,986	\$ 9,936
Personal Costs	\$ 3,114	\$ 3,114	\$ 3,114	\$ 3,114
Transportation	\$ 2,673	\$ 2,673	\$ 2,673	\$ 2,673
TOTAL Estimated Indirect Costs****	\$ 10,773	\$ 15,723	\$ 10,773	\$ 15,723
Total Estimated COA	\$ 30,609	\$ 35,559	\$ 30,816	\$35,766

*One-time administrative fee charged for all undergraduate programs within the School of Nursing. For detailed information on the program administrative fee, visit the Program Administrative Fee page in our Course Catalog.

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EXAMPLES of 2023-2024 Graduate Financial Aid Cost of Attendance (COA)

Average Direct Costs	All Schools except Nursing		School of Nursing - MSN	
	Living With Parent	Not living With Parent	Living with Parent	Not living With Parent
Tuition	\$5,535	\$5,535	\$7,020	\$7,020
Fees	\$2,097	\$2,097	\$2,097	\$2,097
Books, course materials, supplies, and equipment	\$360	\$360	\$360	\$360
Administrative Fee*	\$0	\$0	\$495	\$495
TOTAL Average Direct Costs** <small>(For illustration purposes only)</small>	\$7,992	\$7,992	\$9,972	\$9,972
Estimated Indirect Costs				
Living Expenses***	\$ 4,986	\$ 9,936	\$ 4,986	\$ 9,936
Personal Costs	\$ 3,114	\$ 3,114	\$ 3,114	\$ 3,114
Transportation	\$ 2,673	\$ 2,673	\$ 2,673	\$ 2,673
TOTAL Estimated Indirect Costs****	\$ 10,773	\$ 15,723	\$ 10,773	\$ 15,723
Total Estimated COA	\$ 18,765	\$ 23,715	\$ 20,745	\$25,695

*One-time administrative fee charged for Doctor of Nursing Practice, Master of Nursing – Nurse Practitioner, and Post-Graduate certificate programs within the School of Nursing. For detailed information on the program administrative fee, visit the Program Administrative Fee page in our Course Catalog.

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