

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Tuition and Fees

The following tuition and fees apply to the 2023-2024 academic year. Sonoran University of Health Sciences reserves the right to change tuition and fees at any time. A new tuition and fee schedule will be published when there are changes. Fees that are specific to the Naturopathic Doctor (ND) program and Master of Science (MS) programs are indicated next to the fee.

Application & Enrollment Fees

(Non-refundable)

Fee	Cost
Admission Deposit ¹	\$300
Deferral (ND)	\$100
Deferral (MS)	\$100
New Student Application (ND)	\$115
New Student Application (MS)	\$50
Non-degree Application (ND)	\$65
Reapplication (ND)	\$115
Reapplication (MS)	\$50
Transfer Evaluation	\$300

¹ The deposit is credited towards tuition and is refundable only upon written request of cancellation and within three (3) days of receipt of the Enrollment Agreement (excludes Saturday, Sunday or Federal/State holidays).

Tuition (Per Credit)

Fee	Cost
Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine	\$407
Master of Science in Clinical Nutrition	\$709
Master of Science in Nutrition Business Leadership	\$1253

Non-course-specific Fees

(Non-refundable)

Fee	Cost
Graduation Audit Fee	\$250
Additional Course Enrollment Fee	\$5
Audit (per course)	\$150
Clinical Drop/Add (ND)	\$50
Competency Assessment (per exam)	\$150
Credit Card Processing	4.5%
Diploma Replacement	\$50
I-Print ¹ Single B/W (ND)	\$0.08
I-Print ¹ Duplex B/W (ND)	\$0.14
Late Clinical Paperwork (ND)	\$50
Late Registration	\$100

Returned Check	\$45
Special Examination (per exam)	\$150
Student Replacement ID Card	\$25
Transcript Fee (via Parchment)	\$12

¹ ND students receive a \$25 printing credit per quarter; additional credit can be purchased through the Business Services Office.

Quarterly Fees

Fee	Cost
Equipment (ND)	\$30
NMSA Dues (ND)	\$15
NPLEX Review (ND)	\$15
Student Government	\$20
Technology (ND)	\$60
Technology (MS)	\$250

ND Course-specific Fees

Fee	Cost
ANAT 5014/ANAT 5024/ ANAT 5034L	\$25
BOTM 6020L	\$60
CLPR 5010 (BLS Initial Certification)	\$100
Clinical Entry Quarter (BLS Recertification)	\$100
CLPR 5010L	\$25
CLPR 5020L	\$25
CLPR 5030L	\$100
CLPR 5030 Practice Exam	\$75
CLPR 6040L	\$25
CLPR 6050L	\$25
CLPR 6060L	\$100
CLTR 4304 Clinical Entry Exam	\$125
CLTR 4508 A, 1st Attempt	\$600
CLTR 4508 B, Part 1: 1 - 2 Sections	\$145
CLTR 4508 B, Part 1: 3+ Sections	\$275
CLTR 4508 B, Part 2	\$275
CLTR 4508 C, Part 1: 1 – 2 Sections	\$145
CLTR 4508 C, Part 1: 3+ Sections	\$275
CLTR 4508 C, Part 2	\$275
CPE Make-up or Remediation	\$150
CEE Make-up or Remediation	\$250
ERMD 8014	\$190
GYNE 7020L	\$50
MICR 5026L	\$25
MSRG 7010 / MSRG 8020L	\$22
NUTR 6930	\$250
PHMD 6981 (Selective)	\$33
PSYC 6970 (Selective)	\$20

MS Course-specific Fees

Fee	Cost
MSCN – NUTC 5420 Certificate	\$250
MSNBL– NUTB 5306 Certificate	\$100

Library Fines

Fee	Cost
Lost or Damaged Processing Fee (plus cost of item)	\$5.00
Overdue Items (per item each day)	\$0.50
Late Fee for Reserve/Reference Items (2-hour check-out) (per item/ per hour late)	\$1.00

Student Material and Equipment Purchases

(Non-refundable)

In addition to the tuition and fees, students are required to purchase books, materials, supplies, and equipment to supplement their course instruction and clinical training.

Depending on the program of study, students should allow, on average, a textbook, materials, and supplies cost of approximately \$500 - \$1,000 per quarter.

For the ND program, Sonoran University contracts with medical equipment manufacturer Welch Allyn and Littman to provide high-quality medical equipment and with Turning Technologies to provide hand-held and/or digital student response equipment at negotiated prices. Participation in Sonoran University's equipment purchase is mandatory and is automatically charged to all ND students in their first term in attendance at Sonoran University.

Fee	Cost
Audience Response Subscription (ND)	\$30
Medical Equipment (ND)	\$820

Ancillary Program Expenses

There are additional expenses related to programs that include but are not limited to, the fees paid for certifications, vaccinations, certification and licensing exams, clinical requirements, and licensure applications, etc.

In accordance with attendance requirements at ND extended sites and field observation rotations, ND students will obtain a fingerprint clearance card in CLPR 5010 Introduction Clinical Practice I. This card is good for six (6) years as outlined by the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

Ancillary program expenses are paid directly to outside agencies and organizations. Certifications are administered by third-party organizations. Should students opt to pursue certification, all application and examination fees associated with these certifications are paid directly to outside agencies and organizations.

Financial Policies

Tuition and Fee Payment

All tuition and fees listed are in United States currency. Tuition and fees are due in full every quarter by the end of the end of the first week of classes. Payment plans may be available and students are encouraged to contact the Business Services Office to review their options. Students

who have not paid their tuition and fees in full by each quarter's tuition payment deadline will have a hold on their account. Depending on the amount of time lapsed, students may be permitted to re-register for courses/clerkships after payment of tuition and fees are received in full. Late registration and clinical add/drop fees may apply, see Adding and Dropping Courses (<https://catalog.sonoran.edu/catalog/university-policies/registration-policies/>) for applicable dates and the Tuition and Fees tab on this page for specific fees.

Throughout a term, students may incur additional fees and fines for which payment will be due at the time the charge is incurred. Sonoran University's Business Services Office may place a hold on student accounts until debts are paid in full. Further:

- Any debt or returned check may revoke a student's current enrollment.
- Permission to register for subsequent terms will be held until all student debt is paid in full for previous terms.
- Course credit will not be given until all student debt is paid in full.
- Transcripts or diplomas will not be released until all student debt is paid in full.

Payment Options

Student payments must be in U.S. currency in the form of a credit card (fees apply), personal check, money order, or bank check. Students who prepay tuition and fee charges are not eligible for reimbursement through federal student aid. Small-dollar charges under \$100 may be paid with cash in the Business Services Office.

Financial Aid

Students in eligible programs seeking federal funding for their educational needs will receive assistance through the Financial Aid Office.

Federal William D. Ford Direct Unsubsidized Loans are available to students who qualify and are not need-based per federal regulations. The student is responsible for the interest that accrues on an unsubsidized loan. Students have the option of paying the interest while in school or adding the interest to the principal balance at the time of repayment.

Program Limits

Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine Students

- The maximum amount a student may borrow in Direct Unsubsidized Loans is \$40,500 per nine-month academic year.
- The aggregate limit for Direct Unsubsidized loans is \$224,000.

Masters Students

- The maximum amount a student may borrow in Direct Unsubsidized Loans is \$20,500 per nine-month academic year.
- The aggregate limit for Direct Unsubsidized loans is \$138,500.

Private Loans

Private student loans are available to those who qualify and are credit-based. There are no fixed annual or aggregate loan limits for private student loans. However, private loans may not exceed the cost of attendance for a nine-month academic period, see the Tuition and Living Expense page (<https://www.sonoran.edu/admissions/tuition/>) on the University Website for the prescribed program of study.

Financial Aid Recipients

In accordance with the U.S. Department of Education (ED) 34 CFR 668.164 (c), federal student aid shall be posted to student accounts for

allowable tuition and fee charges prior to crediting student accounts for other costs such as books and living expenses. Further, student verification of attendance in classes or clerkships must be documented prior to financial aid disbursement. Once student aid is applied to student accounts and attendance verification is received, the net difference between aid and tuition and fee charges results in an amount due to the student or an amount due from the student. Amounts due to students are provided in the form of a paper check or directly deposited in student bank accounts. Amounts due from students are due and payable according to the payment guidelines (see Payment Options above).

Foreign Financial Aid or Third-Party Payer Recipients

Proof of an official promissory note and/or an offer letter from a third-party payer must be delivered to the Business Services Office prior to the first day of a term in order to avoid being dropped from all registered courses and clerkships and having to re-register for courses.

General Eligibility Requirements

All students seeking financial aid must meet general eligibility requirements regarding citizenship, financial need, and satisfactory academic progress. Students who are currently in default and have not made satisfactory loan repayments or owe a refund on a Title IV program do not qualify for any form of federal aid.

Financial Aid Policy for Repeat Coursework

Federal regulations (Title IV) limit the number of times a student may repeat a course and receive federal financial aid for that course. The Financial Aid Office does not determine if a student may repeat a course, only if the student is eligible for federal financial aid for the repeated course(s). Repeat coursework can also have consequences on a student's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) calculation.

- Federal regulations prohibit students from using Title IV funds to cover a course for more than two attempts after a failure of a course.
- A student may receive federal financial aid when repeating a course that was previously failed.
- Once a student has completed any course twice and earned a passing grade, they are no longer eligible to receive federal financial aid for that course.

Drug Conviction and Federal Financial Aid Eligibility

The FAFSA Simplification Act amended Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA). A student's Title IV aid is no longer impacted due to a drug conviction that occurred while enrolled in their program of study and receiving Title IV aid, as long as the student meets all other eligibility criteria. However, the eligibility criterion related to the Anti-Drug Abuse Act remains unaffected. Federal Student Aid Handbook. (2023-2024). School-Determined Requirements. Ch. 1, Vol. 1, p. 25 (https://fsapartners.ed.gov/sites/default/files/2023-2024/2023-2024_Federal_Student_Aid_Handbook/_knowledge-center_fsa-handbook_2023-2024_vol1.pdf).

Financial Aid Procedure

Students in eligible programs interested in obtaining financial aid must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the Direct Master Promissory Note (MPN), and the Federal Stafford Entrance Counseling Exam. Approximately two to three weeks after submission

of the FAFSA, the results of the compilation of information, including the estimated family contribution, are sent to the student and Sonoran University. Once the student's file is reviewed for eligibility, federal funding is determined. The student will receive an offer letter reflecting the cost of attendance based on the student's credit hour load reflected in their final registration and the type of aid offered based on the student's eligibility.

Federal Work-Study

Federal Work-Study (FWS) awards are need-based. Campus-based students in eligible programs are required to indicate their desire to participate in the FWS program when completing their FAFSA or communicate their desire to the Financial Aid Office to ensure FWS awarding is an option. Available positions are advertised each quarter. Please contact the Financial Aid Office for additional information at finaid@sonoran.edu (finaid@Sonoran.edu).

International Students

Although international students do not qualify for U.S. federal financial aid, there are other options to help fund their Sonoran University education. Private student loans are available to foreign students; however, they must have a U.S. citizen or permanent resident as a co-signer.

Canadian students may be eligible to apply for Canadian student loans through their respective provincial governments. Canadian students receiving financial aid from their provincial governments will be held to the same payment deadlines for tuition. Tuition must be paid in full by the end of the add/drop period. If provincial financial aid is received by Sonoran University after the student has paid, a refund of excess tuition will be issued to the student within ten business days. Canadian students are responsible for initiating the process of financial assistance from their province. Documentation should be sent to the Financial Aid Office at Sonoran University for completion and returned to the appropriate provincial government.

Veterans (VA) Benefits

Applying for VA Benefits

Sonoran University's ND and MS programs are approved programs of study by the Arizona State Approving Agency (ASAA) for eligible students. Eligibility for VA benefits is determined by the appropriate VA Benefits Office. Students must contact the VA Office and complete the required approval forms to determine eligibility. After the student has completed the process, the student must submit their notice of eligibility and status of benefits to the Registrar's Office.

Yellow Ribbon Program

Sonoran University is an approved participant in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Yellow Ribbon program. Individuals who qualify for the Post-9/11 GI Bill[®] at the 100% rate may be eligible for this additional funding to help them achieve their educational goals.

The Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program (Yellow Ribbon Program) is a provision of the Post-9/11 GI Bill[®] that allows veterans to attend private schools and graduate programs costing more than the annual state tuition cap. Under the program, Sonoran University offers a veterans-only scholarship which the VA will then match. This benefit is offered to a limited number of students on a first-come, first-served basis. Veterans should contact the Registrar's Office for further information on the benefits and submission of the Yellow Ribbon Program application.

VA Eligibility

VA Benefits are not considered Estimated Financial Assistance when determining eligibility for Title IV aid. Veterans must continue to achieve Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) toward their educational program(s) each term in order to remain eligible for benefits. Sonoran University must report to the VA Office if a student is not making SAP or if there is any change in enrollment status, see Satisfactory Academic Progress for the prescribed program of study.

Students who served on Active Duty may be eligible for education benefits offered by the Department of Veteran Affairs. Students should check their eligibility status and the amount for which they qualify prior to enrolling. For additional information, refer to the Financial Aid page, and Veterans Benefits section (<https://www.sonoran.edu/admissions/financial-aid/>) on Sonoran University's website.

VA Principles of Excellence

Sonoran University has agreed to comply with the Principles of Excellence as issued in Executive Order 13607 and signed on April 27, 2012.

Any individual covered by VA benefits is eligible to attend or participate in courses during the period beginning on the date on which the individual provides Sonoran University a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance under Chapter 31 or 33 (a "certificate of eligibility" can also include a "Statement of Benefits" obtained from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) website – eBenefits, or a VAF 28-1905 form for chapter 31 authorization purposes) and ending on the earlier of the following dates:

1. The date on which payment from the VA is made to Sonoran University.
2. Ninety (90) days after the date Sonoran University certified tuition and fees following the receipt of the certificate of eligibility.

Sonoran University will not impose any penalty, including assessment of late fees; the denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities; or the requirement that a covered individual borrow additional funds on any covered individual because of the individual's inability to meet their financial obligations to the institution due to the delayed disbursement funding from VA under Chapter 31 or 33. For more information see the Military Leave of Absence (<https://catalog.sonoran.edu/catalog/university-policies/enrollment-policies/#leaveofabbsencetext>) and the Withdrawal Refund Policy (<https://catalog.sonoran.edu/catalog/university-policies/registration-policies/#academicwithdrawalstext>).