

Bellarmino University

Financial Aid Information for the Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program Class beginning Summer 2009

Admitted Bellarmine Undergraduate Students

Undergraduate Bellarmine students who are admitted into the Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program in their junior year will continue to receive their Bellarmine academic scholarships for Summer 2009, Fall 2009, and Spring 2010 semesters. These students are classified as undergraduate, and thus, are still eligible for Pell Grants, Kentucky Tuition Grants, CAP Grants, KEES scholarships, and other designated undergraduate aid programs. Loan limits for these students remain at the undergraduate level (\$7,500 per year for dependent students, \$12,500 per year for independent students). These loan limits are the maximum amounts a student can borrow in the fall, spring **and** summer semesters combined.

Undergraduates who borrow the maximum loan amount in fall and spring have no remaining eligibility for summer from the Stafford program. Other loan programs will be evaluated so students will have an opportunity to borrow funding to help pay for the program.

COSTS: The tuition costs for the DPT program for admitted Bellarmine undergraduate students beginning Summer 2009 are as follows:

Summer 2009: \$13,900 per semester

Fall 2009: \$13,900 per semester

Spring 2010: \$13,900 per semester

Remaining 5 semesters: \$ 11,000 per semester

In addition to tuition, students will also be charged a comprehensive fee of \$550 per semester for the Summer 2009, Fall 2009, and Spring 2010 semesters that includes Student Activities, Technology, printing allowance, parking, drop/add, and transcript fees. For the remaining five semesters in the program, students will be charged \$35 per course in a comprehensive fee. Students also will be responsible for any course fees (as printed in the course schedule), professional fees, and books.

Bellarmino Undergraduate Students Moving To Graduate Status After 3 Semesters

Once undergraduate students complete their first three semesters of the DPT program, they are designated as graduate students. Graduate students are no longer eligible for Bellarmine scholarships or undergraduate financial aid. They are, however, eligible to apply for graduate financial aid by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If students previously completed a FAFSA for the Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 semesters, the Office of Financial Aid will go in and make changes to the FAFSA to make the students independent graduate students. Students should complete a Summer Financial Aid Form, which is available in the Office of Financial Aid each summer, to indicate interest in receiving summer financial aid. Once the forms are on file, these new graduate students will then be considered for the Health-Science Grant and other loan programs. The Health-Science Grant is a need-based grant awarded to DPT students with financial need as demonstrated by the FAFSA. These grants range in amount from \$500 to \$1,500 per semester. The grant is based upon the tuition cost and the student's financial need. Stafford loan limit amounts increase due to graduate status. Graduate students are eligible to borrow \$20,500 per year. For each summer semester students are considered graduate, the summer loan amount is determined by subtracting the amount of loan

money borrowed in the previous fall and spring semesters from \$20,500. Students are encouraged to save funding for summer if able, or not borrow the full amount for fall and spring to have funding available for summer. Other loan programs will be evaluated so students with no summer eligibility will have an opportunity to borrow funding to help pay for the program.

Admitted New Graduate Students

Students who do not enter the program as Bellarmine undergraduate students will be admitted to the program as graduate students. These students are eligible to apply for a Health Science Grant by completing the FAFSA. The Health Science Grant is a need-based grant awarded to DPT students with financial need as demonstrated by the FAFSA.

These grants range in amount from \$500 to \$1,500 per semester. The grant is based upon the tuition cost and the student's financial need. Graduate students are eligible to borrow \$20,500 per year. For the first summer semester, the loan amount is determined by subtracting the amount of loan money borrowed in the previous fall and spring semesters from \$20,500. For the next academic year, students again regain eligibility at the rate of \$20,500. If students choose to borrow the full \$20,500 in fall and spring, no remaining eligibility for summer from the Stafford program will exist. Students are encouraged to save funding for summer if able, or not borrow the full amount for fall and spring to have funding available for summer. Other loan programs will be evaluated so students with no summer eligibility will have an opportunity to borrow funding to help pay for the program. Each summer, students should complete the Summer Financial Aid Form, available in the Office of Financial Aid.

Costs: The tuition costs for the DPT program for admitted Bellarmine graduate students beginning Summer 2009 are as follows:

Summer 2009: \$11,000 per semester

Fall 2009: \$11,000 per semester

Spring 2010: \$11,000 per semester

Remaining 5 semesters: \$ 11,000 per semester

Students will also be charged a comprehensive fee of \$35 per course that includes Student Activities, Technology, printing allowance, parking, drop/add, and transcript fees. Students also will be responsible for any course fees (as printed in the course schedule), professional fees, and books.

Need more info?

Students with questions can contact the Office of Financial Aid Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The Office of Financial Aid can be reached at (502) 452-8124 or by email at finaid@bellarmine.edu.