

The following table provides a good estimation of the costs associated with attending nursing school.

### UWF Nursing Program Estimated Costs

Item/Description	Estimated Cost
<b>Tuition</b>	<b>\$11,500</b>
<b>Books</b>	<b>\$ 1,900</b>
<b>Nursing Lab Supplies</b>	<b>\$ 185</b>
<b>Competency Exams</b>	<b>\$ 700</b>
<b>Uniforms/Lab Coat/Shoes</b>	<b>\$ 250</b>
<b>CPR/Immunizations</b>	<b>\$ 475</b>
<b>Fingerprinting/Background/Drug Testing</b>	<b>\$ 200</b>
<b>Physical Exam</b>	<b>\$ 100</b>
<b>Health Insurance</b>	<b>\$ 2,000</b>
<b>Student Nursing Association Membership</b>	<b>\$ 75</b>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS (2 years)</b>	<b>\$17,385</b>

As you can see, becoming a nurse is not an inexpensive academic endeavor. That's the bad news. The good news is that in today's world there are many scholarships available to nursing students, both locally and nationally, to help with the costs. Many of the local hospitals offer scholarships and you can contact them to explore that option. And though not for everyone, the military offers scholarships and sign on bonuses and is another option to consider. But regardless of what option you think you might choose, do your research and see what is out there! (A very good online resource is the <http://www.discovernursing.com> website). For those who truly want to be a nurse, the resources are there. Don't be afraid to go for it!

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