



Frequently Asked Questions

1. How much does it cost to attend International University of Nursing?

The tuition is \$6,125.00 per semester during the semesters spent in St. Kitts. Once you attend classes at one of IUON's Partner schools, your tuition will vary from \$9,020.00 and \$11,020.00 per semester depending on the school. Our website outlines the Estimated Cost of Attendance more fully.

2. How many semesters will I attend?

The BSN degree program consists of four academic years divided into 8 semesters of 15-16 weeks each. The entire 8 semester program can be completed in 3 to 3.3 calendar years. During the portion completed in St. Kitts, students attend 3 semesters per calendar year. Our partner schools generally run 2 semester per calendar years. Students admitted with advance standing will be presented with an individual program outlining the courses remaining in their degree requirements.

3. How much does it cost to live at the school?

Students generally spend anywhere from \$6,000 to 8,000 per semester on living expenses. The amount of money spent varies by the life style choices of each student. For example, a shared apartment can cost a student anywhere from \$500 to \$1,000 per month.

4. What does the term Estimate Cost of Attendance mean?

The Estimated Cost of Attendance is a tool used by school to offer a general idea of how much a student should expect to spend for a period of time. It includes the tuition, which is set as well as the living expenses which can vary. The Living Expenses included in Room, Board (Food), Transportation, Books, Fees, and Miscellaneous expenses.

5. What services does the financial aid office offer the students?

Our financial aid office is available to help students before and after they matriculate to determine how much they will need to attend the school, how much they can get from scholarship and loan programs and how much more in personal funds they will need. We also offer budgeting, credit repair counseling and debt management workshops to the students on campus each semester.

6. What scholarship opportunities exist for students at IUON?

IUON has small partial tuition scholarship programs. Some of these programs are strictly merit based and others are merit and financial need based. All incoming students are automatically reviewed and awarded for the merit based program. Students who can demonstrate academic excellence and financial need are encouraged to write a request for assistance to the Director of Financial Aid.

There are many local, state and national organizations that grant scholarship funds. Particularly, organizations serving medically underserved areas offer scholarships to attend nursing school. A comprehensive free scholarship search service is available on the internet at: www.finaid.org.

7. What Private Educational Loans are available to students at IUON?

United States Students

The university offers school loans that are granted in the amount from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per semester while a student is in St. Kitts. The loan carries an interest rate is 8% and do not have to be repaid until 6 months after graduation. Students needing a loan application can contact Kenia Franco at kfrano@iuon.org. These loans require a cosigner and a credit check.

Canadian Students

The Royal Bank of Canada and The National Bank of Canada both offer private educational loans to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. The loans are credit based and require a cosigner.

8. What government loan programs are available to students at IUON?

The financial aid staff works with IUON students who seek eligibility and application information from their government's education office. However, in most cases, the home country does not fund students studying abroad.

United States

The U.S. Department of Education, will be eligible to apply to participate in certain Federal Student Aid Programs. In anticipation of this, IUON has recently submitted an application to participate in these programs and is hopeful that the application will be reviewed as soon as the new law goes into effect. The programs we have applied for, to assist our students, are the William D. Ford Direct Loan Program and the PLUS Loan Program. Periodic up-dates on our application's status will be made available as we get them.

Canada

As a nursing school located outside of Canada, IUON is not eligible to participate in the Canadian Student Loan Programs at this time. The school continues to communicate with the Canadian Student Loan Programs and will apply for participation when appropriate.

10. When should I apply for financial aid?

You can call and discuss your situation with the financial aid staff even before you apply to IUON. Once you have applied to the school for admission, the financial aid office will automatically send a financial aid package via email. You can start the process of applying for financial aid six months prior to matriculation at the school.

11 How can I find out more about Financial Aid at IUON?

You can call the financial aid office and talk to a counselor weekdays between 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM. Our email address is finaid@iuon.org. The IUON website contains helpful documents such as Estimated Cost of Attendance and Planning Guides.

12. Do I have to submit a \$200 deposit, or can I wait for my financial aid?

You must make the deposit to reserve your seat in the class. The deposit will be applied to your billing account to offset your tuition but since student loan funds won't be disbursed until you register in St. Kitts, the funds need to be laid out in advance.