

Estimated Clinical Rotation Expenses by U.S. Region (Per 4-Week Rotation)

Each clinical rotation is four weeks (28 nights). While costs can vary significantly depending on location, housing type, and personal spending habits, the following estimates reflect typical ranges for **temporary housing, meals, travel, and other living expenses**.

Region	Temporary Housing (Low–High Range)	Meals & Incidentals	Travel & Local Transit	Total Estimated Cost
Northeast (e.g., Boston, NYC, CT)	\$1,750–10,500 (~\$50–300/night)	\$3,220	\$400–600	\$5,370–14,320
Mid-Atlantic (e.g., Philadelphia, D.C., Baltimore)	\$1,750–8,750	\$3,010	\$300–500	\$5,060–12,260
Southeast (e.g., Atlanta, Charlotte)	\$1,400–5,250	\$2,800	\$300–500	\$4,500–8,550
Midwest (e.g., Chicago, Ohio cities)	\$1,400–5,250	\$2,800	\$300–500	\$4,500–8,550
Southwest (e.g., Phoenix, Houston)	\$1,750–5,250	\$2,800	\$400–600	\$4,950–8,650
Pacific Northwest (e.g., Seattle, Portland)	\$1,750–7,000	\$3,010	\$400–600	\$5,160–10,610

Housing Notes

- Low-end estimates assume shared short-term rentals, extended-stay motels, or student-arranged sublets (~\$40–75/night).
- High-end estimates reflect individual occupancy in hotels or furnished corporate housing (~\$150–300/night in urban areas).
- Students are encouraged to explore lower-cost options such as:
 - Short-term leases via local housing boards
 - Airbnb or Furnished Finder rentals
 - Roommates or group housing with fellow PA students

Travel and Living Costs

- Travel costs include round-trip airfare, fuel, or public transit to and from clinical sites, plus local transportation (e.g., rental car, rideshare, subway).
- Meals & incidentals reflect federal GSA per diem averages (~\$80–92/day).
- Prices vary widely by region, time of year, and proximity to major cities or rural placements.