

Financial Aid for 3+3 DPT Option

Students in the 3+3 DPT option are considered undergraduate students by the University during the first four years of the option. As such, financial aid is processed at the undergraduate level.

- Undergraduate financial aid may include federal and state grants, student loans and work study in addition to scholarships designated for undergraduate students.
- Federal Stafford Loans for dependent undergraduate students are limited to an annual maximum of \$3500 freshman year, \$4500 sophomore year, \$5500 junior year and \$5500 again for senior year.

In the fourth year of the 3 + 3 DPT option, students are still considered undergraduate students even though their coursework is at the graduate level. These courses are used to meet the remaining requirements for the bachelor's degree. In "year 4", financial aid eligibility continues to be processed at the undergraduate level, even though, tuition is billed at the graduate tuition rate.

- Students will continue to be eligible for SRU undergraduate scholarships, federal grants and state grants in Year 4.
- Out-of-state students eligible for SRU's Undergraduate Non-Resident Tuition Reduction Program should be aware that the tuition reduction does not apply to Year 4 of the 3+3 DPT option since the tuition reduction only applies to students billed at the regular undergraduate tuition rate.

Upon successful completion of the first two semesters of the DPT program and the bachelor's degree in year four, students in this option will become eligible to receive financial aid at the graduate level. Graduate financial aid may include graduate assistantships, student loans, and work-study, in addition to scholarships designated for graduate students.

- Beginning in Year 5, students are not eligible for SRU undergraduate scholarships, federal grants and the Pennsylvania State Grant.
- Federal Stafford Loans for graduate students are limited to \$20,500 per academic year (for DPT students, the academic year is defined as two semesters).
- Beginning in Year 5, students can borrow the Federal Graduate PLUS Loan if the financial assistance, including the Federal Stafford Loan, is less than the cost of attendance. See the Financial Aid web page for more information.

Students must file the Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA) annually to be considered for any of the federal and state financial aid listed above. Students can complete the FAFSA on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Returning undergraduate students are encouraged to file the FAFSA no later than April 15th each year in order to meet many state grant deadlines. Students can view SRU scholarship opportunities on the Financial Aid Office web page at www.sru.edu/finaid (click on "scholarships"). Students with additional questions about financial aid for the 3 + 3 DPT option should contact the Financial Aid Office.

**A Financial Aid Calendar for 3+3 DPT Students is Available at www.sru.edu/finaid
Under Forms and Publications**

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