



Differential Tuition Exception Guidelines

GRCC seeks to allow active students enrolled in Nursing, Dental and Culinary programs to complete their degrees under the current tuition structure rather than the new proposed differential tuition rate that would go into effect the Fall 2015 semester.

Nursing and Dental: Due to the fact that these programs are delivered in a cohort fashion, the following principles will apply to current students:

- Any student that has been currently enrolled in the Fall 2014 or Winter 2015 semesters, or will be enrolled in Summer 2015 in the following program codes will not have an increase in their tuition: Program codes 318, 319, 317, 394, 392, 393, 395, 396, 391, 361, 369, and 371 as long as they remain enrolled in the nursing or dental programs.
- The exception for Dental students will be in effect through the Fall 2016 semester for the above stated students. This will allow all current students to complete their degree at the basic tuition rate.
- The exception for Nursing students will be in effect through the Winter 2017 semester for the above stated students. This will allow all current students to complete their degree at the basic tuition rate.

Culinary: A large percentage of Culinary students are part time, and the program is not delivered in a cohort fashion similar to both Dental and Nursing. In recognition of these differences, the following principles will apply to current culinary students:

- An active Culinary student will be defined as any student that is currently enrolled as of March 17, 2015, in program codes 151, 155, 156, 158 or 157 and has:
 - passed (defined as a grade of C or better) one of the pre-reqs (CA 111, CA 140 or CA 209) in the Fall 2014, Winter 2015, or Summer 2015 semesters

OR

- passed (defined as a grade of C or better) all three of the pre-reqs (CA 111, CA 140, and CA 209) since Fall 2012
- The exception for Culinary students will be in effect through Winter 2018 semester for the above stated students. Any courses taken after that semester will be charged at the then existing differential rate for all students.

A list of students meeting the aforementioned criteria has been generated. Communication to those students will consist of the following:

- A United States Postal Service delivered letter to the current address on file at Grand Rapids Community College informing the students that they meet the criteria and their tuition will remain at the basic tuition rate until the end of the stated exception period. (Dental: Fall 2016, Nursing: Winter 2017, Culinary: Winter 2018)
- The Program Directors of Nursing, Dental and Culinary will also be given a list of qualified students in an effort to provide the information necessary to address any student questions.
- The criteria and communication plan will be posted on the following GRCC website page: <http://www.grcc.edu/cashier/tuitionratesfees>
- The Nursing, Dental and Culinary department webpages will link back to the tuition rates page at <http://www.grcc.edu/cashier/tuitionratesfees>.

For any student that has reviewed the above criteria, and *believes that they fall within the specifications* and have not received a communication from Grand Rapids Community College by August 26, 2015, please complete an appeal form at:

<http://www.grcc.edu/cashier/tuitionratesfees/differentia tuitionwaiver>