

TUITION AND FEES

In accordance with the basic concept of comprehensive community colleges, all fees are nominal. The tuition rate is subject to change at the direction of the North Carolina General Assembly. For information on tuition and fees, contact the Admissions Office.

Senior citizens (age 65 or older) are charged neither tuition nor registration fees except in the case of self-support courses.

TUITION AND FEES OF MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE ARMED SERVICES AND DEPENDENTS ASSIGNED IN NORTH CAROLINA

According to the North Carolina General Statute 116-143.3, provisions for charging tuition and fees of military personnel in the armed services and dependents assigned in North Carolina include the following.

- a) The following definitions apply in this section
 - (1) The term "abode" shall mean the place where a person actually lives, whether temporarily or permanently; the term "abide" shall mean to live in a given place.
 - (2) The term "armed services" shall mean the United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy; the North Carolina National Guard; and any Reserve Component of the foregoing.
 - (3) The term "tuition assistance" shall be used as defined in the United States Department of Defense Directive 1322.8, implementing 10 U.S.C. 2007.
- b) Any active duty member of the armed services qualifying for admission to an institution of higher education as defined in G.S.116-143.1 (a)(3) but not qualifying as a resident for tuition purposes under G.S.116-143.1 shall be charged the in-state tuition rate and applicable mandatory fees for enrollment while the member of the armed services is abiding in this state incident to active military duty in this state. In the event the active duty member of the armed services is reassigned outside of North Carolina or retires, the member shall continue to be eligible for the in-state tuition rate and applicable mandatory fees so long as the member is continuously enrolled in the degree or other program in which the member was enrolled at the time the member is reassigned. In the event the active duty member of the armed services receives an Honorable Discharge from military service, the member shall continue to be eligible for the in-state tuition rate and applicable mandatory fees so long as the member establishes residency in North Carolina within 30 days after the discharge and is continuously enrolled in the degree or other program in which the member was enrolled at the time the member was discharged.
- c) Any dependent relative of a member of the armed forces who is abiding in this State incident to active military duty, as defined by the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina and by the State Board of Community Colleges while sharing the abode of that member shall be eligible to be charged the in-state tuition rate, if the dependent relative qualifies for admission to an institution of higher education as defined in G.S. 116-143.1(a)(3). The dependent relatives shall comply with the requirements of the Selective Service System, if applicable, in order to be accorded this benefit. In the

event the member of the armed services is reassigned outside North Carolina or retires, the dependent relative shall continue to be eligible for the in-state tuition rate and applicable mandatory fees so long as the dependent relative is continuously enrolled in the degree or other program in which the dependent relative was enrolled at the time the member is reassigned or retires. In the event the member of the armed services receives an Honorable Discharge from military service, the dependent relative shall continue to be eligible for the in-state tuition rate and applicable mandatory fees so long as the dependent relative establishes residency within North Carolina within 30 days after the discharge and is continuously enrolled in the degree or other program in which the dependent relative was enrolled at the time the member is discharged.

- d) The person applying for the benefit of this section has the burden of proving entitlement to the benefit.
- e) A person charged less than the out-of-state tuition rate solely by reason of this section shall not, during the period of receiving that benefit, qualify for or be the basis of conferring the benefit of G.S.116-143.1 (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), or (l). (See Residence Status of Tuition Payment, N. C. General Statute 116-143.1).

STUDENT FEES

Student fees are collected each semester and are used to support approved co-curricular and extracurricular programs including student government, clubs and organizations, educational activities, graduation, student handbooks, and other beneficial services for students. Upon payment, student fees are non-refundable.

When a student, having paid the required student fees for a semester, dies during that semester (prior to or on the last day of examinations), fees for that semester may be refunded to the estate of the deceased.

TUITION REFUND POLICY

1. A refund shall not be made except under the following circumstances:
 - A) A 100 percent refund shall be made if the student officially withdraws prior to the first day of class(es) of the academic semester as noted in the college calendar. (First day of class(es) is defined as the beginning date of the term as stated in the college catalog.) Also, a student is eligible for a 100 percent refund if the class in which the student is officially registered fails to "make" due to insufficient enrollment;
 - B) A 75 percent refund shall be made if the student officially withdraws from the class(es) prior to or on the official 10 percent point of the semester;
 - C) For classes beginning at times other than the first week (seven calendar days) of the semester, a 100 percent refund shall be made if the student officially withdraws from the class prior to the first class meeting. (First class meeting is defined as the first day of the term/session as defined in the college catalog.) A 75

- percent refund shall be made if the student officially withdraws from the class prior to or on the 10 percent point of the class.
2. To comply with applicable federal regulations regarding refunds, federal regulations will supersede the state refund regulations stated in this rule.
 3. Where a student, having paid the required tuition for a semester, dies during that semester (prior to or on the last day of examinations of the college the student was attending), all tuition and fees for that semester may be refunded to the estate of the deceased.
 4. For classes such as community interest and motorcycle, there are no refunds unless the class is cancelled by the college.

TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Students are required to have the necessary textbooks and supplies for courses. Certain programs require equipment in addition to textbooks. Books and supplies are available from The College Store.

TEXTBOOK REFUND POLICY

1. You must have your receipt from The College Store to be eligible to return or exchange a textbook.
2. To receive a refund, books must be returned in the condition they were purchased and within thirty (30) calendar days of purchase;
3. Used textbooks are generally not returnable;
4. For defective (not defaced) books, the student is allowed to have the textbook exchanged for the same title without any additional charge, during the same semester the text was purchased.
5. Ancillary items such as Blackboard codes, access codes, tutorial CDs, videos, and DVD's are single use items and are not eligible for a refund.