



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

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MEMORANDUM

**TO: Presidents
Chief Business Officers**

**FROM: Jennifer Haygood, Vice President for Business and Finance and
Chief Financial Officer**

SUBJECT: 2011-12 Tuition Rates, Con Ed Registration Fees, GED Testing Fee

The memo is provided to notify colleges of 2011-12 tuition and fee rates.

Curriculum Tuition

G.S. 115D-5 states that “[t]he State Board shall have authority with respect to individual institutions... to establish and regulate student tuition and fees within policies for tuition and fees established by the General Assembly.” Also, G.S. 115D-39 states that “[t]he State Board of Community Colleges shall fix and regulate all tuition and fees charged to students for applying to or attending any institution pursuant to this Chapter.” Through the legislative budget process, the General Assembly debated a tuition increase as a means to offset reduced General Fund appropriations available to support community college operations. Through S.L. 2011-145 (H200), the General Assembly enacted a curriculum tuition increase of \$10 per credit hour for resident and non-residents students.

Consistent with G.S. 115D-5, G.S. 115D-39, and actions taken by the General Assembly in S.L. 2011-145 (H200), the Finance and Capital Needs Committee, as authorized by the State Board, has voted to fix curriculum tuition charged to students for the 2011-12 academic year at the following levels:

- **Residents:** The per credit hour charge shall be increased from \$56.50 to \$66.50; up to a maximum per semester of \$1,064, based upon 16 credit hours of instruction.
- **Non-Residents:** The per credit hour charge shall be increased from \$248.50 to \$258.50; up to a maximum per semester of \$4,136, based upon 16 credit hours of instruction.

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The State Board will ratify this action at their regular July meeting. Colleges are authorized to begin charging the above rates for the Fall 2011 term as of July 1, 2011.

Continuing Education Registration Fees

No change has been made to continuing education registration fees for 2011-12. Registration fees for continuing education occupational extension courses shall continue to be based on the course length, consistent with the following fee schedule:

Course Length	Registration Fee
0-24 Hours	\$65
25-50 Hours	\$120
50+ Hours	\$175

GED Testing Fee

G.S. 115D-5(s), as amended by Section 31.2 of S.L. 2011-145 (H200), authorizes the State Board of Community Colleges to establish, retain, and budget fees charged to students taking the General Education Development (GED) test. This one-time charge has been set at \$7.50 since 1987. The budget enacted by the General Assembly eliminates the General Fund appropriation for System Office GED personnel and associated operating costs and shifts these costs to GED fee receipt support. This cost shift requires an increase in the GED fee.

Consistent with G.S. 115D-5 and actions taken by the General Assembly in S.L. 2011-145 (H200), the Finance and Capital Needs Committee, as authorized by the State Board, has voted to set the GED testing fee at \$25 per student effective July 1, 2011. This is a one-time fee charged to students who take the battery of GED tests.

Colleges should pay close attention that these receipts are deposited consistent with your cash management plan and coded to your GED AR code, which is reflected as object 437000 on your report of receipts and deposit page. **Prior to the student taking any portion of the GED battery**, colleges must collect this fee or have required documentation that a third-party will pay the fee on behalf of the student. The only exception is individuals incarcerated or receiving treatment in institutions operated by the Department of Correction, Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and the Department of Health and Human Services, as provided by 23 NCAC 02D.0204. There are no other provisions for GED testing fees to be waived.

If you have any questions, please contact me at haygoodj@nccommunitycolleges.edu.