TUITION EXEMPTION POLICY

To ensure financial sustainability across all academic programs within the School of Education (SOE), we have implemented revisions to the tuition exemption policy, effective summer 2018. The SOE supports tuition exemption eligible Washington State employees (under RCW.28B.15.558) to enroll on a space available basis in the four (4) core courses required in the Master of Education (M.Ed.) for Practicing Educators degree program. These courses are offered several times throughout the academic year including summer, and provide foundational coursework for those seeking an advanced degree in Education. The core courses are:

- TEDUC 501: Foundations of Education: Policy, Ethics, & Philosophy (3 credit course)
- TEDUC 502: Learning about Learning: (3 credit course)
- TEDUC 503: Educational Measurement: (3 credit course)
- TEDUC 504: Understanding Educational Research (3 credit course)

Other SOE programs such as Teacher Certification, Educational Administration, Educational Leadership (Ed.D), and Graduate Non-Matriculated status are not eligible for tuition exemption.

Grandfathering of Tuition Exemption Benefits for Current Students: Students Admitted Prior to the Summer 2018 Quarter start date: Eligible tuition exempt students admitted prior to the start of the summer 2018 quarter may continue to use their current tuition exemption benefits through spring 2019 quarter. This will give current students four quarters (summer 2018 – spring 2019) to complete coursework. Those who do not finish their coursework by the end of spring 2019 quarter will be subject to the revised SOE tuition exemption policy guidelines outlined above. As a reminder, coursework involving independent study (example: TEDUC/TEDSP 592), culminating project/practicum (example: TEDUC 599), and fieldwork (example: TEDUC 589) are not eligible for tuition exemption benefits at any time, per RCW RCW.28B.15.558.

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UW Employee Exception:

As a commitment to the professional development and growth of all UW employees, the SOE will continue to allow UW employees to take all eligible courses in the Master of Education
(M.Ed.) for Practicing Educators degree program as tuition exempt, provided space is available. As a reminder, coursework involving independent study, culminating project/practicum, and fieldwork are not eligible for tuition exemption benefits at any time, per RCW RCW.28B.15.558. Other SOE programs such as Teacher Certification, Educational Administration or Educational Leadership will not be eligible for tuition exemption benefits.

**Space Availability Basis:**

Class size maximums are carefully considered during the design of every course within the SOE. In order to maintain the academic integrity of each course and to ensure every student receives the resources needed to reach degree completion, class size maximums of all classes will be strictly adhered to. Additional class sections will not be added solely to accommodate students using tuition exemption.

**Questions and Contact Information:**

Please send any questions regarding the tuition exemption policy to the main School of Education email account at uwted@uw.edu. Along with your questions, please include your name, student ID, what program you are enrolled in, and your preferred method to receive a response to your questions.