School of Education Tuition Exemption Policy (Updated: June 26, 2020)

To ensure financial sustainability across all academic programs within the School of Education (SOE), we have implemented revisions to our tuition-exemption policy, effective summer 2020.

Under our revised policy, 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 and 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; prior to Summer 2020)
- **TEDUC 520: Multicultural Education** (3 credit course; starting Summer 2020)

  o **Note:** Effective summer 2020 TEDUC 520: Multicultural Education, will replace TEDUC 503 as one of the four (4) core courses covered under the tuition exemption policy. TEDUC 503 will still be a course requirement going forward, just not considered one of the four core courses eligible for tuition exemption.

  o **Grandfathering of students prior to summer 2020:** Students enrolled in the M.Ed. for Practicing Educators degree program, prior to summer 2020, may enroll in and count TEDUC 503 as one of the four tuition exemption eligible courses, instead of TEDUC 520. Students who enrolled prior to summer 2020 have until spring quarter 2021 to take TEDUC 503 as one of the four tuition exemption eligible courses. If students have already taken TEDUC 503 under tuition exemption benefits, they are not eligible to use tuition exemption benefits for TEDUC 520, also. In summary, the School of Education will only honor four total courses (12 credits maximum) for tuition exemption eligible WA state employees.

- **TEDUC 504: Understanding Educational Research** (3 credit course)

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

**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. Courses that are NOT eligible for tuition exemption benefits include independent study, culminating project/practicum, fieldwork, or distance learning (online), 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.

**Important:** Please note that the UW Tacoma campus is expected to implement a tuition exemption policy in the near future that will align UW employees to the same benefits provided to WA state employees, which is offering the four (4) core courses (TEDUC 501, TEDUC 502, TEDUC 504, and TEDUC 520) only for tuition exemption. Once the UW Tacoma campus policy has been implemented, there will be a one-year grandfathering period. The SOE tuition exemption policy will be updated once the UW Tacoma campus policy has been approved and implemented.

**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. The time schedule will display the maximum enrollment for each course. Additional class sections will not be added solely to accommodate any student(s) exercising tuition exemption benefits.

**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, the program you are enrolled in, and your preferred method to receive a response to your questions.