School of Education Tuition Exemption Policy

Updated: December 16, 2019

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 2018.

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)
  - **Note:** We are in process of replacing TEDUC 503 with TEDUC 520: Multicultural Education as one of the core courses covered under the tuition exemption policy, effective for new students starting summer 2020.
- 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.

Please note that the UW Tacoma campus is expected to implement a tuition exemption policy in 2020 (targeting summer 2020) that will align to the same benefits offered to WA state employees, which is the 4 core courses only to tuition exemption. This 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.