6.5.2.1 Fee Waivers – Continuing Education

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Policy: Piedmont Community College (PCC) waives registration fees to continuing education students enrolled in courses in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS).

Purpose/Definitions: In accordance with NCGS, a fee waiver may be issued to students enrolled in continuing education courses at PCC.

Approval Authority/Monitoring Authority: Piedmont Community College’s Board of Trustees has approval authority for this policy. The Vice President, Continuing Education has monitoring authority for this policy.

Tuition and Registration Fee Waivers
The State Board of Community Colleges may provide by general and uniform regulations for waiver registration fees for the following (NCGS 115D-5(b)):

a. Persons not enrolled in elementary or secondary schools taking courses leading to a high school diploma or equivalent certificate.

b. Courses requested by the following entities that support the organizations' training needs and are on a specialized course list approved by the State Board of Community Colleges:
   i. Volunteer fire departments;
   ii. Municipal, county, or State fire departments;
   iii. Volunteer EMS or rescue and lifesaving departments;
   iv. Municipal, county, or State EMS or rescue and lifesaving departments;
   v. Radio Emergency Associated Citizens Teams (REACT) under contract to a county as an emergency response agency;
   vi. Municipal, county, or State law enforcement agencies;
   vii. The Department of Correction for the training of full-time custodial employees and employees of the Department's Division of Community Corrections required to be certified under Chapter 17C of the General Statutes and the rules of the Criminal Justice and Training Standards Commission; or
   viii. The Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for the training of employees required to be certified under Chapter 17C of the General Statutes and the rules of the Criminal Justice and Training Standards Commission.

c. Trainees enrolled in courses conducted under the Customized Training Program.

d. Elementary and secondary school employees enrolled in courses in first aid or cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

e. Up to six hours of credit instruction and one course of noncredit instruction per academic semester for senior citizens age 65 or older who are qualified as legal residents of North Carolina.

f. Human resources development courses for any individual who:
   i. is unemployed;
   ii. has received notification of a pending layoff;
   iii. is working and is eligible for the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (FEITC); or
   iv. is working and earning wages at or below two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty guidelines.

g. The State Board of Community Colleges may not waive tuition and registration fees for
other individuals.
h. In addition, any federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMS personnel, and rescue and lifesaving personnel whose permanent duty station is within North Carolina will also be eligible for the State resident community college tuition rate for courses that support their organizations’ training needs and are approved for the purpose by the State Board of Community Colleges.

**Misrepresentation of eligibility**
Any applicant who willfully misrepresents his eligibility for these benefits under NCGS 115D-5, or any person who knowingly aids or abets such applicant in misrepresenting his eligibility for such benefits, will be deemed guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

**Legal Citation:** NCGS 115B-1, NCGS 115B-2, NCGS 115B-5, NCGS 115B-5.1, NCGS 115B-5A, NCGS 115B-6, NCGS 115D-5(b), NCGS 116-143.3, NCAC 23 2D.0204, NCAC 23 2D.0201, S.L. 2011-145

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