

Tuition and Expenses

The Community College System was established to make postsecondary occupational education readily available to all adult citizens. The state provides considerable financial support for local institutions which keeps tuition at a reasonable cost to students. In addition, several financial aid programs are available to assist the curriculum student with the costs of postsecondary education.

CURRICULUM TUITION AND FEES

Tuition is set by the State Board of Community Colleges and is subject to change. Visit www.richmondcc.edu for current tuition costs. Tuition and fees must be paid at the time of registration. A student activity fee is required of all curriculum students. The fee is \$17.75 for students enrolled 12 or more semester credit hours, \$10.75 for students enrolled less than 12 semester credit hours, and no fee for summer semesters. This fee covers admission to student activities. All students are required to pay a \$1.25 Student Accident Insurance fee each semester enrolled. Students who enroll in Cooperative Education work experiences (COE) and courses that have a clinical component are required to purchase or show evidence of having professional liability insurance prior to enrollment. There is a \$10 technology fee for all students each semester. Other costs to the student are the required books and materials, which vary according to the curriculum in which he/she is enrolled. Nursing students may incur other expenses.

Tuition for full-time, in-state students carrying 16 or more semester credit hours during the fall and spring semesters will not exceed \$800.00 per semester. Part-time, in-state students taking less than 16 semester credit hours will pay \$50.00 per semester hour. Out-of-state students carrying 16 or more semester credit hours during the fall and spring semesters will not exceed \$3,860.80 per semester. Part-time, out-of-state students taking less than 16 semester credit hours will pay \$241.30 per semester hour.

Credit Hours	In-State	Out-of-State
1	50.00	241.30
2	100.00	482.60
3	150.00	723.90
4	200.00	965.20
5	250.00	1206.50
6	300.00	1447.80
7	350.00	1689.10
8	400.00	1930.40
9	450.00	2171.70
10	500.00	2413.00
11	550.00	2654.30
12	600.00	2895.60
13	650.00	3136.90
14	700.00	3378.20
15	750.00	3619.50
16	800.00	3860.80

ACTIVITY & LIABILITY FEE CHARGES

Full-Time (12+ hours)	\$17.75
Part-Time (1 - 11 hours)	\$10.75
Insurance (all students)	\$ 1.25
Technology Fee (all students)	\$10.00
Student Malpractice Insurance:	\$13.00
For Medical Assisting, Nursing, and Nursing Assistant Clinicals, and for Co-op students	
Graduation Fee	\$25.00
Associate Degree Nursing Pre-Admission Test Fee	\$25.00
CPR Test Fee (MED 140)	\$35.00

Section 115D-39, "Student Tuition and Fees," of the Community College Laws, allows the State Board of Community Colleges to fix and regulate all tuition and fees charged to students for applying to or attending any community college.

Students who enroll in Cooperative Education work experiences (COE) and courses that have a clinical component are required to purchase or show evidence of having professional liability insurance prior to enrollment.

RESIDENCE CLASSIFICATION FOR TUITION

Under North Carolina law, a person may qualify as a resident for tuition purposes in North Carolina, thereby being eligible for a tuition rate lower than that for nonresidents. In essence, the controlling North Carolina statute (G.S. 116-143.1) requires that "To qualify as a resident for tuition purposes, a student must have established legal residence (domicile) in North Carolina and maintained that legal residence for at least twelve (12) months immediately prior to his or her classification as a resident for tuition purposes." Ownership of property in or payment of taxes to the state of North Carolina does not automatically qualify one for the in-state tuition rate. Failure to provide requested information for residency classification can result in the student being classified as a nonresident for tuition purposes and disciplinary action.

A student who believes he or she has been erroneously classified shall be permitted to appeal the case in accordance with the procedure outlined by the State Residence

Committee. Regulations concerning the classification of students by residence for purposes of applicable tuition differentials are set forth in detail in A Manual to Assist the Public Higher Education Institutions of North Carolina in the Matter of Student Residence Classification for Tuition Purposes. A copy of the manual is available for student inspection in the Student Development Office.

TUITION REFUNDS

RCC shall allow a 100 percent tuition refund up to and including the drop/add date. RCC shall allow a 75 percent tuition refund from the date after the drop/add date up to and including the census date or 10 percent point of any semester, term, or course as noted in the college calendar.

Where a student, having paid the required tuition for a semester, dies during that semester (prior to or on the last day of examinations), all tuition and fees for that semester shall be refunded to the estate of the deceased, upon request by the deceased's estate within 90 days of the student's death.

To comply with applicable federal regulations regarding refunds, federal regulations shall supersede the state regulations are contradictory.

Military Tuition Refund

Upon request of the student, RCC shall grant a full refund of tuition and fees to military reserve and National Guard personnel called to active duty or active duty personnel who have received temporary or permanent reassignments as a result of military operations then taking place outside the state of North Carolina that make it impossible for them to complete their course requirements

RCC shall buy back textbooks through the college's bookstore operations to the extent possible. Colleges shall use distance learning technologies and other educational methodologies to help these students, under the guidance of faculty and administrative staff, complete their course requirements.

TEXTBOOKS

Books should be purchased at the bookstore during registration. A textbook usually costs between \$50 and \$125 depending upon the course. Students should budget from \$300 to \$400 per semester to cover the cost of textbooks.

AUDIT STUDENTS

Tuition and fees for audit students are the same as for regular students.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Curriculum Courses: Tuition shall be waived for up to six credit hours of instruction per academic semester for senior citizens age 65 or older who are qualified as legal residents of North Carolina. (Proof of age is required.) If an eligible senior citizen enrolls in more than six, but less than 16 credit hours in a given semester, he/she shall be charged the regular tuition rate for each credit hour above six credit hours. If an eligible senior citizen enrolls in more than 16 credit hours in a given semester, he/she shall be charged the regular tuition rate for a maximum of 10 credit hours.

TUTORING

There is no charge to the student for tutoring services.

GUIDED STUDIES CENTER

Instruction in the Guided Studies Center is free and there is no charge for the materials, books or tutors used by the students in the center. However, if desired, books used may be purchased from the bookstore by the student.

CONTINUING EDUCATION TUITION AND FEES

Type of Courses	Registration	Other Fee Charges
Adult Basic Education	None	None
Adult High School	None	Textbooks
GED Completion	None	Textbooks Test fee – \$7.50
Occupational Courses		
1 – 24 hours	\$ 65.00	Textbooks and/or materials
25 – 50 hours	\$120.00	
51+ hours	\$175.00	
Self-Supporting Courses		Tuition varies

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In compliance with legislation passed by the 1993 General Assembly, students who take the same occupational extension course more than twice within a five-year period shall pay tuition based on a formula involving the amount of funds generated by a student membership hour for occupational extension multiplied by the number of actual hours the class is to be taught. Students who can demonstrate course repetition is required by standards governing the certificate or licensing program in which they are enrolled are exempt.

Senior Citizens

Continuing Education/Occupational Extension Courses: Registration fees shall be waived for up to 96 contact hours of non-credit instruction per academic semester for senior citizens age 65 or older who are qualified as legal residents of North Carolina. (Proof of age is required.) Senior citizens are not limited to the number of classes that can be taken using fee waivers as long as the cumulative hours do not exceed 96 hours. However, if the cumulative number of contact hours enrolled exceeds 96 in a given semester, the senior citizen shall not receive a waiver for the last course for which he/she registered. If the senior citizen enrolls simultaneously for multiple courses that exceed 96 contact hours, the College shall use its discretion to determine for which course to charge the registration fee.

North Carolina senior citizens taking the same occupational course more than twice within a five-year period must pay tuition based on the same formula. Senior citizens are not exempt from paying tuition for self-supporting courses.