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**Policy Change Cover Sheet**

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| **SECTION**:  | 133 Educational Policy |
| 1. **Effect of policy addition or change (explain the important changes in the policy or effect of this policy). Briefly describe the changes that are being made to the policy and the reasoning behind the requested change(s).**
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| * Is this a federal or state mandate? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No
* Describe change: The changes clarify and further align with SBHE Policy 820 which was amended on May 1, 2016 and with NDUS Procedure 820.1 which was amended on May 1, 2016.
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| 1. **This policy change was originated by (individual, office or committee/organization):**
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| ***This portion will be completed by Mary Asheim.***Note: Items routed as information by SCC will have date that policy was routed listed below. |
| 1. **This policy has been reviewed/passed by the following (include dates of official action):**
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| **Senate Coordinating Committee:** | 4/10/17 |
| **Faculty Senate:** | 4/11/17 |
| **Staff Senate:** | 4/11/17 |
| **Student Government:** | 4/11/17 |
| **President’s Cabinet:** | 4/11/17 |

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**SECTION 133
EDUCATIONAL POLICY**

#### SOURCE: SBHE Staff Human Resources Policy Manual

SBHE Policy Manual, Section 820.3

### The North Dakota State Board of Higher Education encourages the employees within the North Dakota University System to pursue a program of continuing education.

1. For courses taken at the request of the employee, institutions shall waive or provide tuition assistance for benefited employees, limited to three approved for-credit undergraduate or graduate courses during each calendar year, in any combination of subsections 1 and 2 as follows:
	1. For courses taken at the campus of employment regardless of delivery type: 100% tuition and

fee waiver is provided, with the exception of the CND, NDSA, program and course fees which shall be paid by the employee.

* 1. For courses taken at another NDUS campus, other than the campus of employment,

regardless of delivery type: a system-wide fixed 50% employer paid tuition assistance, with the employee paying the remaining 50% of tuition and 100% of all fees.

1. This educational benefit is available to benefited employees as defined in SBHE Policy 703.2. Employees who are eligible for this educational benefit are not eligible for the graduate assistant tuitionwaiver*.*
2. Employees may be released from work for one face-to-face regular class sessions for one academic class per semester with approval of the employee's immediate supervisor and/or department head. Approval may be granted if it does not interfere with completion of the employee's essential job duties and the essential work of the institution.
3. *This policy is applicable to any degree eligible and remedial courses, regardless of delivery or instruction mode.*

4.1 *Waivers cannot be used for third party provided curriculum where NDSU directly pays full or partial tuition collected to the third party, consortium programs such as the Great Plains IDEA consortium, or professional development courses which do not result in the award of college credit.*

1. Release time may be granted only for the amount of time required to attend the regular class session. Field trips and outside class activities are not included.
2. The tuition assistance benefit is applicable to all North Dakota University System institutions of higher education.
3. The waiver benefit is available to NDSU employees taking classes through the Tri-College University Course Exchange. Classes taken through the Tri-College University Course Exchange by employees of other ND University System institutions are available for the 50% tuition assistance benefit paid by the employee’s institution to NDSU, subject to approval by the employee’s institution.
4. All benefited employees are eligible for the North Dakota Resident tuition rate, regardless of receiving the waiver or tuition assistance benefit. It is the employee’s responsibility to ensure ND resident tuition rates are assessed.
5. **Procedure:**

9.1 The employee must obtain initial approval for this educational benefit from his/her immediate supervisor and/or department head. After the initial approval is obtained, the Human Resources and Payroll office will review to ensure the employee is eligible as a benefitted employee. The Customer Account Services office will review the educational benefit for course and waiver exclusions, and will process the tuition waiver or tuition assistance benefit.

9.1.1 To obtain a tuition waiver or tuition assistance benefit, employees must complete the standard ["NDUS Employee Tuition Waiver or Assistance"](http://www.ndsu.edu/forms/#human9) form which is available in the Human Resources and Payroll Office.

9.1.2 The request for a tuition waiver or tuition assistance must be submitted and approved prior to the beginning of the class for which the benefit is requested.

9.1.3 No employee who has an overdue accounts receivable balance with the University may receive a tuition waiver or tuition assistance.

9.1.4 The benefit will be considered used if the employee is enrolled in the course past the 100% drop date. If the employee does not remain enrolled in the course past the 100% drop date and wishes to use the benefit towards a new class, it is the employee’s responsibility to notify the Human Resources and Payroll office.

9.2 Employees are responsible for registering for classes through regular admission/registration procedures.

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