

<b>CODE:</b>	<b>PSL – 706</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Tuition, Fees, and Use of Books Benefit</b>
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All full-time employees, their spouse or life partner and their legal dependents may attend Independence Community College classes free of charge. Special fees associated with coursework will be the responsibility of the enrollee.

### **Procedure**

#### **Tuition, Fees, and Use of Books Benefit**

1. Full-time employees, their spouse or life partner, and their legal dependents (legal dependents as described on the employee's IRS 1040 or FASFA application) qualify for free tuition and fees for ICC for-credit classes, and they qualify for the use of textbooks without charge. The College defines life partner as: either member of a couple in a long-term relationship. For the purposes of enrollment, a couple's relationship will be considered long-term if there is cohabitation for a period of at least a year.
2. Financial Aid will create a policy that will specify what documentation, if any, is necessary. For consistency with IRS rules, the College will consider the phrase "life partner" to be synonymous with "domestic partner." The tuition, fees, and use of books benefit extends to employees of Great Western Dining Services and to the long-term, part-time employees who qualify for paid time off. These benefits are provided if the employee is employed continuously by the College during the entire semester, and if textbooks are returned in good condition at the end of each semester. If textbooks are not returned, or not returned in good condition, the employee will pay the new retail price for the replacement of the textbooks.
3. Special course fees associated with any for-credit class taken by the employee or the dependent will be the responsibility of the employee as well as any expenses for items required for the course (workbooks, supplies, uniforms, kits, equipment, etc.). All fees associated with Continuing Education courses taken by the employee or the dependent will be the responsibility of the employee.
4. Tuition Benefit does not assure that employees can take coursework during the day. The opportunity for employees to take coursework during the regular work day is dependent upon office responsibilities and supervisor's approval. Work responsibilities take precedence over current enrollment, class participation and class activities.
5. Employees and their dependents who are students must meet academic and financial obligations to continue taking classes, as outlined in the student handbook procedures.
6. Employee scholarship recipients must pass all attempted courses. The first time the scholarship recipient fails a class, the student will receive a warning. The second time the scholarship recipient fails a class, the student will be disqualified from receiving the Employee Scholarship. The scholarship recipient may regain eligibility by taking a course (or courses), paying for the course(s), and earning a passing grade in the course(s).