

DIFFERENTIAL TUITION REQUEST

University: University of Arizona

College: College of Nursing

Graduate Undergraduate Upper Division Lower Division Both

New	\$ _____	Fall 2016	Proposed fee to be applied as: x Per Term <input type="checkbox"/> Per Unit, Total of <u>61</u> Units per Program
(Proposed)		(Effective Date)	
Existing	\$ <u>2,000</u>	\$ <u>1,000</u>	Proposed fee to be applied: x Fall x Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer <input type="checkbox"/> Winter
(Proposed)	(Current)	(Year Approved)	

Date Submitted: 2/15/16

Rationale for Request (~100 words)

The BSN program is offered fall and spring terms only, therefore the differential will only be applicable for those terms. Per guidelines, the differential tuition will be a maximum of \$2,000 per term and will be pro-rated based on units of enrollment up to 12 units.

Rising costs for this pre-licensure program (BSN) for entry to the profession of nursing include:

- No change to tuition differential for last six (6) years.
- Increased instructor costs related to health system clinical rotations. These are mandated changes to student to faculty ratios - one instructor for every 5-6 students - prior norm of one for every 8-10 students.
- Purchase (lease, subscribe) of vendor programs for clinical credentialing required by health systems, e.g., immunizations, background checks, etc.
- Increased costs for participation in clinical rotation scheduling systems, including greater demand on staff time for complex clinical site coordination.
- Increasing technology costs for providing examinations, learning support services, web-based skill development simulations, etc.
- Proportion of simulated learning increased, need to resupply, refurbish and expand simulation center learning resources.

Compliance with Board Guidelines (~250 words)

The majority of the fee increase will directly impact mandatory increases in faculty numbers because of decreased clinical rotation group sizes. Students will benefit from decreased rotation group sizes and increases in clinical faculty observation, evaluation, and training. The market demand for nursing professionals remains strong. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Registered Nurse demand is projected to grow 19%, significantly faster than the national average for all occupations. The earnings potential for an entry-level Registered Nurse with a baccalaureate degree ranges from \$51,000 to \$66,000 per year.

Total annual (two terms) costs for peer institutions average between \$6,500 to just over \$21,000 for the comparable 2 term time period, placing UA in about the middle of the peer institutions for residents. Student affordability will be taken into account with increased waivers and financial aid (set aside) support.

Student Consultation (~100 words)

A feedback meeting was conducted on 2/22/2016 with student leaders (from the College of Nursing's Professional Achievements in Nursing – PAIN and Student Nurses of University of Arizona – SNUA leadership groups) on the proposed tuition differential increase. Students held a predominantly positive perspective about the increase, referencing the positive impacts the changes will have on classroom and clinical instruction as well as improved simulation center resources. Our Pre-Professional Nursing students expressed this change would have no impact on their decision to pursue Nursing. Current Nursing students gave feedback on ways the college could help alleviate second tier expenses through more thoughtfully coordinated textbook requirements, supply purchase audits, and greater emphasis on available resources within the college and Health Sciences.

TABLE of Peers: As Nursing programs typically have higher rates than other undergraduate programs, and combine differential with base tuition, each column below reflects this combination via display of peer Nursing rates.

Resident	2015-16 UG Resident Tuition & Fees + Program Fee	2015-16 UG Non-Resident Tuition & Fees + Program Fee
Pennsylvania State U	21,394	35,998
U Wisconsin-Madison	20,352	40,344
Michigan State U	18,910	39,506
U Minnesota-Twin Cities	15,660	24,080
U California-Los Angeles	15,182	39,890
The University of Arizona	15,403	36,630
U Washington-Seattle	12,706	34,826
Ohio State U	11,628	29,011
U N Carolina-Chapel Hill	10,982	36,064
U Iowa	10,414	30,390
U Texas-Austin	10,362	37,402
U Florida	6,381	29,231

ACCOUNTABILITY

Financial Aid Set-Aside Amount: 14%

Proposed Annual Revenue

Annual Differential Tuition Amount (\$2,000/term at 2 terms/yr)	\$	4,000
Number of Students Enrolled Annually	#	216
Total Annual Revenue	=	864,000

Proposed Annual Expenditures

Financial Aid Set Aside (14%)	\$	120,960
Institutional and Advising Personnel	\$	406,475
Support Staff Expense	\$	135,000
Total Operating Expenses	\$	201,565
Total Program Costs	=	864,000