

UAMS Academic Affairs Policy – 3.1.3



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
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Policy: University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Division of Academic Affairs
Subject: Designation of 100% Online Degree Plans for Tuition and Fee Charging Purposes
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PURPOSE

All students enrolled in approved and designated 100% online degree plans or sub-plans will pay in state tuition and reduced fees. Required fees would include one-half of the standard technology fee, one-half of standard university services fee, and any additional fees that are specific to a course or program. This policy defines the criteria and process in order for a program to be designated as a 100% online / degree plan or sub-plan that is eligible for in state tuition and fee reduction.

SCOPE

All certificate and degree plans and sub-plans offered by UAMS colleges and schools.

POLICY

UAMS programs must apply (using Form 3.1.3A) to the Department of Institutional Research, Policy, and Accreditation (IRPA) to be designated as a 100% online degree plan/sub-plan for tuition and fee charging purposes. IRPA will evaluate the request in consultation with the Registrar and Bursar Offices to assist the Provost in making a determination on whether the plan or sub-plan meets the requirements for a 100% online degree plan/sub-plan. The Provost will make the final determination and approve or deny requests. Non-degree seeking students taking a single online course would be included in the in-state tuition rate.

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Timeline for Application and Designation

- Applications may be submitted at any time between December 1 and March 1 of each year. Applications submitted after March 1 will not be considered for the upcoming academic year.
- Programs will be notified of the outcome of review no later than March 20, to take effect the following July 1: the first day of the new academic / fiscal year.
- Please note: degree plans or sub-plans may not advertise in state tuition or fees reduction to prospective students until they are approved by the Provost.

Programs must notify IRPA of any change in their status as a designated online plan/sub-plan during the academic year. To change a program to 100% online, a letter of notification must be submitted and routed through the UA Board of Trustees and the Arkansas Department of Higher Education prior to the application. This approval must be completed prior to the application process outlined above. In addition, the change needs to be reported to the Higher Learning Commission by the UAMS accreditation liaison officer.

In order to qualify as a 100% online degree plan/sub-plan for this policy, **all** of the criteria below must apply:

1. The entire didactic curriculum for the degree plan or sub-plan can only be completed on line (NOT face-to-face in person or face-to-face via IVN). Online does include Blackboard courses. If online delivery is *optional* for degree completion, then the plan or sub-plan is not eligible.
2. The academic plan or sub-plan must correspond to a recognized plan or sub-plan as configured in the student information system's (GUS) academic structure table.
3. The student does not come to a UAMS campus or UAMS off-site location for either the didactic or clinical/ experiential portion of the program. Only orientation and exam appearances may occur at UAMS facilities. (The NW campus and all UAMS Regional Offices ARE UAMS facilities). If a student has the option to come to the UAMS campus for the didactic or clinical/experiential portion of the program, then the degree plan or sub-plan does not qualify for fee exemptions.

Attachments:

3.1.3A Request for Degree Program Fee Exemption Based on Online Status