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PURPOSE

UAMS encourages students to further their health professions education by pursuing multiple degrees offered by UAMS without increasing their financial burden. The purpose of this policy is to define tuition collected from students in dual degree programs that include the Master of Public Health degree in the College of Public Health, combined degree programs and multiple enrollment in programs.

SCOPE

This policy applies to UAMS dual and combined degree programs such as the MD/MPH, PharmD/MPH programs, and the Rural and Global Public Health Certificate as well as ad hoc simultaneous enrollments and use of the Continuing Registration Fee. This policy does not apply to dual degree programs with other institutions (ex. MPS/MPH).

DEFINITIONS

Approved Dual Degree Plan – A degree plan that has been mutually agreed upon by two or more programs/colleges and approved by the Council of Deans, with these features: the application and admission processes are separate; the student enrolls separately into individual programs; the student must complete all requirements of both programs; the student can drop one program without it affecting enrollment in the other; the student can complete/ graduate from one program and be awarded a credential asynchronously; and receives a separate credential from each program. Example: for the MD/PhD, where the student receives an MD diploma and a PhD diploma.

Approved Combined Degree Plan – A degree plan that has been approved by the UA Board and Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) with the following features: there is some combination of curriculum; the student is enrolled into one program featuring the requirements of two degree plans; the student cannot drop one part of the plan without dropping the other and must meet the requirements of the entire curriculum / degree plan in order to graduate,

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and receives a single credential recognizing two areas of study. Currently there are no UAMS plans that meet this definition.

Ad Hoc Dual Enrollment – A student enrolls in two degree plans simultaneously that are offered independent of the other, and that have not been approved by the Council of Deans, UA Board or the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) as a dual, or combined degree combination.

POLICY

Dual and Combined Degree Programs

Unless otherwise stipulated, students who are enrolled at UAMS and who are pursuing an approved dual or combined degree and who are simultaneously enrolled in two programs will pay tuition and fees in the amount of the more expensive degree and will pay the Continuing Registration Fee for the second degree program. Mandatory fees will be paid once, but additional college- or program-specific fees for the second program will be charged.

Students who are participating in an approved dual degree program but only enrolled in the second degree program during the summer term will be charged the Standard Continuing Registration fee.

In order for the reduced tuition to be charged according to this policy, an approved Declaration of Intent to Pursue Combined Degrees must be completed and signed by the student, approved by the Associate Deans of both colleges, and be placed on file in the Office of the University Registrar. The intent document must be filed by the earlier tuition due date of the two programs in question.

For tuition/fee purposes, the MD/PhD degree program will not be covered by this policy. Those pursuing this dual track typically enroll in alternate semesters, and not both programs simultaneously. The existing policy will continued to be followed: students will pay the tuition based on the single college they are enrolled in at the time. If enrolled in both simultaneously, the College of Medicine (COM) tuition will be charged.

If a student is enrolled in their secondary program only (except for the summer term), the student will pay tuition and fees for the program they are enrolled in. If a student is enrolled less than full time in a primary program that does not have a per hour tuition rate (ex. COM) and in their secondary program, then the student will pay tuition for the secondary program. Students in COM are required to pay 4 years of medical school tuition. If enrolled in less than half time for their fourth and/or final year, they will still pay full COM tuition to meet this requirement. Students will pay one graduation fee if they are completing both degrees within the same term. If they complete the degrees in different terms, they will pay a graduation fee during each term.

Ad Hoc Simultaneous Enrollment

Unless otherwise stipulated, students enrolled in two programs simultaneously that have not been approved as a dual or combined degree option (ad hoc) will be charged the full rate of their primary enrollment in addition to the per hour tuition rate for the secondary enrollment. Mandatory institutional fees will be paid once but applicable fees to the student's status and course of study in the secondary program / college will be charged. This may mean that some fees are waived, if not applicable to the student's curricular choices. Any exceptions to this policy must be approved by

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the Bursar.

Graduate Certificate in Rural and Global Public Health

Students in the College of Medicine or College of Pharmacy may enroll in Rural and Global Public Health classes for no additional tuition, but will pay the Continuing Student Registration fee and any applicable program or course-specific fees. Although the Graduate Certificate is approved as online, any students who are dual enrolled will not receive the in-state tuition or fee reductions.

Other programs interested in participating in the tuition waiver as a dual degree for the Rural and Global Public Health Certificate must be approved through academic policy before waivers are granted.

Cross-College Electives and Courses Only

Students are not charged extra tuition for courses offered in another college when those courses are *approved* as either required course(s) or required elective course(s) of the student's degree plan. Students who choose to take a course in another college / program outside of his/her degree plan, will pay the prevailing tuition rate for the course(s). The college must notify the Bursar's office of any approved cross-college course enrollments.

Grandfather Clause

This policy will not apply to students accepted to and enrolled in an approved dual/combined degree program prior to May 30, 2017. Students in a dual/combined degree program prior to or by May 30, 2017, will continue to have their tuition and fees waived for the second program. These students will be identified and grandfathered into the waiver program until dual program completion. Student enrollment rosters for approved dual programs will be established according to official records in the Office of the University Registrar.