



**DIRECTIVE 2020-048**

September 23, 2020

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY TO WAIVE STANDARD UNDERGRADUATE TUITION RATES FOR RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ITS ONLINE RN TO BSN PROGRAM.

§375.30.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly required any waiver of tuition for a student or class of students not otherwise permitted by law at a state-assisted institution of higher education be approved by the Chancellor of Higher Education (the “Chancellor”). On April 17, 2009, the Chancellor signed Directive 2009-011 establishing procedures for institutions to follow when requesting to waive standard tuition rates. §381.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 166 of the 133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly continues this authority of the Chancellor for the biennium.

Pursuant to §381.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 166 as well as Directive 2009-011, Shawnee State University (“SSU”) has requested for academic year 2020-21 to waive standard tuition rates for resident and nonresident undergraduate students enrolled in its Online RN to BSN program.

SSU has demonstrated the following:

- SSU’s Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing a continuation of the tuition waiver at its meeting on March 13, 2020. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- SSU’s 2020-2021 tuition is as follows:

	In-state Guaranteed Cohort	In-State Continuing Cohort	Online Program	Online RN to BSN Program
Instructional Fee per credit hour	\$297.46	\$270.64	\$278.00	\$240.00
Technology Fee per credit hour	\$5.93	\$5.40	N/A	N/A
General Fee per credit hour	\$32.78	\$29.86	N/A	N/A
Career Services Fee per credit hour	\$4.57	\$4.00	N/A	N/A

Facility Fee per credit hour	\$12.50	\$12.50	N/A	N/A
Student Activity Fee per credit hour	\$5.24	\$50.00 Per term**	N/A	N/A
In-state Total per credit hour	\$358.48	\$322.40	\$278.00	\$240.00
Non-Resident Surcharge per credit hour	\$251.79	\$251.79	\$5.00	\$5.00

\*\* The Student Activity Fee for Continuing Cohort has a \$50.00 per term charge. This includes \$25.00 for Student Services and \$25.00 for Student Health & Wellness.

- SSU has submitted a specific request to waive the standard Online undergraduate tuition rate and replace with a combined tuition rate of \$240.00/per credit hour. (For comparison, the current AY19-20 combined standard online undergraduate resident tuition rate is \$278.00/credit hour). For nonresident students, SSU is requesting that the standard online undergraduate tuition rate be waived and replaced with a tuition rate of \$245.00/credit hour. (For comparison, the current FY20 standard online undergraduate nonresident domestic tuition rate is \$283.00/credit hour).
- SSU proposes that the duration of the waiver start with fall 2020 semester and be academic year 2020-21.
- SSU expects the tuition waiver will affect approximately 10 current students. This estimate is based on the tracking of eligible online student numbers at the time this resolution was passed.
- SSU’s goals pursuant to this tuition waiver are two-fold: to meet the needs of students and market demands specifically identified for RN/BSN credentials and to provide increased and affordable degree opportunities for medical providers in the region. Lastly, the goal is to increase the number of students by 30-40 in academic year 2020-2021.
- Measurements of the program will include tracking of the students added to program.

Agency staff reviewed the request and posted its recommendations to the ODHE website for the purpose of providing a public comment period before final approval by the Chancellor. No public comments were received.

Based upon my review of staff recommendations, I hereby approve the tuition waiver request from SSU be granted for academic year 2020-2021, as set forth above.

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This directive will take immediate effect.

  
 Randy Gardner  
 Chancellor

## RESOLUTION F03-20

### APPROVAL OF AY2020-2021 *E-CAMPUS* TUITION RATES

WHEREAS, in response to the University's request, Wiley Education Services, Shawnee's contracted online management firm, conducted a competitive analysis of online programs that captured data from the region (150 miles) and from an online degree database that includes over 5,000 online program across the country; and

WHEREAS, the results of the competitive analysis reflect that Shawnee State's *e-campus* (exclusively online) tuition rates are highly competitive in the region as well as in the wider population; and

WHEREAS, based upon the data presented, the University proposes the following actions to the *e-campus* Tuition Rates:

- Undergraduate –
  - RN/BSN – establish program-specific rate to respond to highly competitive market in the region,
  - All other undergraduate: maintain the established rate,
- Graduate – evidence indicates that an increase to online graduate rate is warranted and will maintain the University's competitive edge for graduate programs regionally and nationally,
- Occupational Therapy Doctoral – no increase, the established rate expected to secure a greater presence in the market for this particular program;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Shawnee State University approves the *E-Campus* Tuition Rates Schedule (attached) effective fall 2020.

(March 13, 2020)