

BOARD OF REGENTS BRIEFING PAPER

Assessment of Registration Fees and Tuition

June 6-7, 2024

BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

Existing Board policy (Title 4, Chapter 16) provides that NSHE institutions may offer programs for dual and concurrent enrollment to Nevada high school students through partnerships with school districts, public and private high schools, and charter schools. Policy also provides that NSHE institutions offer these programs and courses to high school students at a reduced registration fee that appropriately covers the cost of the course or program. In [December 2021](#) the Board established uniform reduced pricing schedules for dual and concurrent enrollment through Academic Year 2023-2024 (*NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual*, Chapter 7, Section 2). Subsequently, in [April 2024](#) the Board approved an extension of the established uniform reduced pricing schedules through Academic Year 2024-25, thus providing time for the System to address the mechanism by which to update the reduced pricing for future years.

System staff met with the Academic Affairs Council and the Business Officers Council to discuss recommendations for the continuance of reduced pricing structures that address the need to appropriately cover the costs of dual and concurrent enrollment programs or courses. The following recommendation is based on existing Board policy (Title 4, Chapter 17) that provides for the establishment and assessment of registration fees and tuition under the principles of shared responsibility, access and affordability, and predictable pricing. The predictable pricing model for registration fees follows annual increases based on the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) and those increases are published annually, four years in advance, in the *NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual* (Chapter 7, Section 1).

Proposed revisions to Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 1, Assessment of Registration Fees and Tuition, are as follows:

- Subsection 2 – adds language to align the policy for setting concurrent and dual enrollment registration fees with the current predictable pricing policy for registration fees and tuition. Accordingly, the pricing would be published annually by May 1 each year for a minimum of four future academic years, with an increase equivalent to the most recent HEPI, but not to exceed six percent.
- New Subsection 8 – adds definitions of concurrent and dual enrollment.

Additionally, revisions are proposed for corresponding sections of the *NSHE Procedure and Guidelines Manual* (Chapter 7, Sections 1 and 2):

- Section 1 – adds dual and concurrent fee tables, with an initial base increase for the 2025-2026 Academic Year (previously, the dual and concurrent fee pricing was located in Chapter 7, Section 2). Clarifying language is also added throughout the pricing tables to use specific institution names in lieu of general institutional levels.
- Section 2 – removes the pricing used for the 2022-23 and 2023-2024 years that is now updated and relocated to Section 1. Existing language in Section 2 is reorganized and additional clarifying language is added.

SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

Revise Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 1 to include the establishment of predictable pricing schedules for dual and concurrent enrollment fees. Also revise *NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual*, Chapter 7, Section 1, establishing the predictable pricing schedules for the dual and concurrent enrollment, with an initial base increase for the 2025-2026 Academic Year. Further, revise Chapter 7, Section 2, removing the pricing used for the 2022-23 and 2023-2024 academic years that are now updated and relocated to Section 1. Finally,

reorganize and revise existing language in Section 2, creating better organization of information and adding clarifying language.

IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

The current fee structure for concurrent and dual enrollment in Chapter 7, Section 2 will expire at the end of Academic Year 2024-25. To continue the reduced fee schedules for dual and concurrent enrollment and provide predictable pricing for students, approval is necessary to be able to promote the new fees in advance of the 2025-26 year.

CHECK THE NSHE STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL THAT IS SUPPORTED BY THIS REQUEST:

- Access (Increase access to higher education)
- Success (Improve student success)
- Close Institutional Performance Gaps
- Workforce (Meet workforce needs in Nevada)
- Research (Increase solutions-focused research)
- Coordination, Accountability, and Transparency (Ensure system coordination, accountability, and transparency)
- Not Applicable to NSHE Strategic Plan Goals

INDICATE HOW THE PROPOSAL SUPPORTS THE SPECIFIC STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL

- Dual and concurrent enrollment has a positive impact on high school academics, high school graduation rates, college enrollment, and college completion rates by providing opportunity for high school students to take college courses.
- The reduced pricing structure provides more affordable access for students who may otherwise not consider higher education as an option.
- Predictable pricing provides a mechanism for students and families to prepare and potentially remove financial barriers to education.

BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- Providing predictable pricing for concurrent and dual enrollment fees protects students and their families from sudden spikes in registration and enables them to estimate and budget for expenses more accurately.
- Language added to the NSHE *Procedures and Guidelines Manual*, Chapter 7, Section 2, provides additional guidance for institutions.

POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

None have been presented.

ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:

None have been presented.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHANCELLOR’S OFFICE:

The Chancellor’s Office recommends approval of the proposed revisions.

COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

- Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # _____ Chapter # _____ Section # _____
 - Amends Current Board Policy: Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 1
 - Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter 7, Section 1 and 2
 - Other: _____
 - Fiscal Impact: Yes No
- Explain: According to the [Tuition and Registration Fee Discount Report, Fiscal Year, 2022-23](#), a total of \$13,645,945 in concurrent and dual enrollment fee discounts was granted by NSHE institutions during the last academic year. Although the proposal seeks a predictable pricing structure to increase the fees starting in 2025-26, all NSHE campuses are continuing to build their concurrent and/or dual enrollments and expect continued growth along with rising costs of supporting concurrent and dual enrollment programs

POLICY PROPOSAL
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 17, SECTION 1

Assessment of Registration Fees and Tuition

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Section 1. Assessment of Registration Fees and Tuition

1. The Board of Regents shall establish tuition rates for students who are not residents of Nevada, and registration and other fees to be assessed all students. The process for establishing the tuition rates and registration fees is set forth in this Section and the following principles shall guide the process for establishing tuition and fee rates across the System:

- a. Shared Responsibility. Tuition and fee levels shall reflect the shared responsibility, benefits, and needs of the students, the state, and the institution.
- b. Access and Affordability. Maintaining affordability by ensuring that all students can enroll at a NSHE institution by virtue of the cost of attendance and an appropriate financial aid package.
- c. Predictable Pricing. Increases in tuition and fees shall be predictable and managed so that the quality of education is not compromised to the extent this is feasible. Once established pursuant to Subsection 2 or approved by the Board for specific years pursuant to Subsections 5 through 7, the registration fees and non-resident tuition rate shall not be changed for or during the specific years except in emergency situations or extreme circumstances.

2. NSHE Predictable Pricing Program – Except as otherwise provided in [~~Subsections 5 through 7 for certain NSHE professional schools~~] *this Section*, to provide predictable pricing of tuition and registration fees for students, the tuition and registration fees for resident and nonresident students shall be established pursuant to this Section as of May 1st of each year for a minimum of four future academic years. The tuition and registration fees for the four academic years shall be published no later than June 1st annually in a table in the *NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual*.

a. **Registration and Concurrent and Dual Enrollment** Registration Fees

i. **Registration Fees** - On an annual basis on or before May 1st, the Chancellor shall update the table published in the *NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual* to add a subsequent academic year in which the registration fees are set so that the increase is equivalent to the most recent Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) available, but this increase shall not exceed six percent. The first update shall occur on May 1, 2019, for academic years 2021-2022 and 2022-23, such that four years of registration fees are established as required by this Section as of May 1, 2019.

ii. **Concurrent and Dual Enrollment Registration Fees** – *On an annual basis on or before May 1st, the Chancellor shall update the table published in the*

NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual to add a subsequent academic year in which the concurrent and dual enrollment registration fees are set so that the increase is equivalent to the most recent Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) available, but this increase shall not exceed six percent. The first update shall occur on May 1, 2025, for academic year 2028-2029, such that four years of registration fees are established as required by this Section as of May 1, 2019.

b. Tuition and Other Charges

i. Tuition – In addition to registration fees, nonresident students also pay a tuition charge. On an annual basis on or before May 1st, the Chancellor shall update the table published in the *NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual* to add a subsequent academic year in which the nonresident tuition increases for full-time undergraduate and graduate students (enrolled in 7 or more credits) will equal the most recent HEPI available, but this increase shall not exceed six percent. The Chancellor shall also update the table to add a subsequent academic year in which the nonresident tuition for part-time students (enrolled in 6 or fewer credits) will equal an amount calculated by multiplying the registration fees for the subsequent academic year established pursuant to this Section by 110 percent. The first update for nonresident tuition shall occur on May 1, 2019, for academic years 2021-2022 and 2022-23, such that four years of tuition are established as required by this Section as of May 1, 2019.

ii. Distance Education Tuition Charge – Nonresident students enrolled exclusively in distance education courses will, in addition to registration fees, pay a tuition charge equaling the registration fees times 50 percent. The tuition charge will be assessed only to nonresident students who are residing outside of Nevada during the semester in which enrollment in the distance education course(s) occurs. On an annual basis on or before May 1st, the Chancellor shall update the table published in the *NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual* to add a subsequent academic year for the distance education tuition charge in an amount required pursuant to this paragraph based on the registration fee for the subsequent academic year, as established by the Chancellor pursuant to this Section. The first update shall occur on May 1, 2019, for academic years 2021-2022 and 2022-23, such that four years of distance education tuition charges are established as required by this Section as of May 1, 2019.

c. Notification – On an annual basis on or before May 5th, the Chancellor shall notify the Board of Regents of the most recent HEPI adjustment and the registration fees and tuition established for the subsequent academic year that will be published in the table in *NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual* pursuant to this Section. At the same time the Chancellor notifies the Board of Regents, the Chancellor shall also notify the institutional Presidents and the student government presidents of the information provided to the Board of Regents pursuant to this paragraph. If the Board of Regents determines that

due to emergency situations or extreme circumstances a higher or lower adjustment in the registration fees or tuition for the subsequent academic year may be required, the Chair of the Board shall direct the Chancellor to create a Committee composed of institutional and student representatives to submit recommendations by a specific date regarding the registration fees or tuition for the subsequent academic year for the consideration of the Board.

- d. Publication on NSHE Websites – Each institution shall maintain a webpage on their respective websites for the NSHE Predictable Pricing Program. The webpage must set forth the tuition and registration fees for the next four years, as published annually in the table in the NSHE *Procedures and Guidelines Manual*. The webpages must also provide information that assists students in calculating their tuition and registration fees for at least four years.

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8. Definitions

For the purpose of this Section, the term:

- a. *“Concurrent enrollment course” means a postsecondary course taught to high school students by a high school instructor mutually agreed upon by the NSHE institution and high school.*
- b. *“Dual enrollment course” means a postsecondary course taught by an NSHE instructor to high school students through a formally established dual enrollment program.*

NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual
CHAPTER 7, SECTION 1 and 2
Dual and Concurrent Enrollment Fees

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Section 1. Registration Fees and Non-Resident Tuition Rates

Registration Fees

	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>2027-28</u>
Registration Fees, [Universities] <i>UNLV,</i> <i>UNR</i> (undergraduate)	\$262.50/ per credit	\$281.00/ per credit	\$288.50/ per credit	\$303.50/ per credit	\$315.75/ per credit
Registration Fees, [Universities] <i>UNLV,</i> <i>UNR</i> (graduate)	\$321.75/ per credit	\$344.25/ per credit	\$353.50/ per credit	\$372.00/ per credit	\$387.00/ per credit
Registration Fees, NSU (undergraduate)	\$189.75/ per credit	\$203.00/ per credit	\$208.50/ per credit	\$219.25/ per credit	\$228.00/ per credit
Registration Fees, NSU (graduate)	\$255.50/ per credit	\$273.25/ per credit	\$280.75/ per credit	\$295.25/ per credit	\$307.00/ per credit
Registration Fees, [Community Colleges] <i>CSN,</i> <i>GBC, TMCC, WNC</i> (upper-division)	\$189.75 per credit	\$203.00 per credit	\$208.50/ per credit	\$219.25/ per credit	\$228.00/ per credit
Registration Fees, [Community Colleges] <i>CSN,</i> <i>GBC, TMCC, WNC</i> (lower-division)	\$115.50/ per credit	\$123.75/ per credit	\$127.00/ per credit	\$133.50/ per credit	\$138.75/ per credit

Concurrent Enrollment Registration Fees

	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>2027-28</u>
<i>UNLV,</i> <i>UNR, NSU,</i> <i>CSN, GBC,</i> <i>TMCC,</i> <i>WNC*</i>	<i>\$75</i> <i>per course</i>	<i>\$75</i> <i>per course</i>	<i>\$100.00</i> <i>per course</i>	<i>\$110.00</i> <i>per course</i>	<i>\$114.50</i> <i>per</i> <i>course</i>

****No additional student and/or special course fees may be assessed***

Dual Enrollment Registration Fees

	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>2027-28</u>
UNLV, UNR*	\$150 <i>per credit</i>	\$150 <i>per credit</i>	\$154.00 <i>per credit</i>	\$162.00 <i>per credit</i>	\$168.50 <i>per credit</i>
NSU*	\$118 <i>per credit</i>	\$118 <i>per credit</i>	\$121.25 <i>per credit</i>	\$127.50 <i>per credit</i>	\$132.50 <i>per credit</i>
CSN, GBC, TMCC, WNC * (lower-division)	\$85 <i>per credit</i>	\$85 <i>per credit</i>	\$87.50 <i>per credit</i>	\$92.00 <i>per credit</i>	\$95.75 <i>per credit</i>

**Other fees that may be assessed are limited to the following: technology fee (regular and iNtegrate) and special course fees associated with an individual course.*

Dual Enrollment Registration Fees for Free and Reduced Lunch Qualifying Students

	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>2027-28</u>
UNLV, UNR*	\$102 <i>per credit</i>	\$102 <i>per credit</i>	\$104.75 <i>per credit</i>	\$110.25 <i>per credit</i>	\$114.75 <i>per credit</i>
NSU*	\$80 <i>per credit</i>	\$80 <i>per credit</i>	\$82.25 <i>per credit</i>	\$86.50 <i>per credit</i>	\$90.00 <i>per credit</i>
CSN, GBC, TMCC, WNC * (lower-division)	\$58 <i>per credit</i>	\$58 <i>per credit</i>	\$59.50 <i>per credit</i>	\$62.50 <i>per credit</i>	\$65.00 <i>per credit</i>

**Other fees that may be assessed are limited to the following: technology fee (regular and iNtegrate) and special course fees associated with an individual course.*

Non-Resident Tuition

(Rates are assessed in addition to registration fees)

	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>2027-28</u>
Full-time* Non-resident Tuition, [Universities] UNLV, UNR	\$16,956/ per year	\$18,142/ per year	\$18,632/ per year	\$19,601/ per year	\$20,385/ per year
Full-time* Non-resident Tuition, NSU	\$14,082/ per year	\$15,068/ per year	\$15,475/ per year	\$16,280/ per year	\$16,931/ per year
Full-time* Non-resident Tuition, [Community Colleges] CSN, GBC, TMCC, WNC	\$8,099/ per year	\$8,666/ per year	\$8,900/ per year	\$9,363/ per year	\$9,738/ per year

* Full-time non-resident tuition rates are assessed to students enrolled in 7 or more credits

Part-Time Non-Resident Tuition

(Rates are assessed in addition to registration fees)

	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>2027-28</u>
Part-time* Non-resident Tuition, [Universities] UNLV, UNR (undergraduate)	\$288.75/ per credit	\$309.00/ per credit	\$317.25/ per credit	\$333.75/ per credit	\$347.25/ per credit
Part-time* Non-resident Tuition, [Universities] UNLV, UNR (graduate)	\$354.00/ per credit	\$378.75/ per credit	\$388.75/ per credit	\$409.25/ per credit	\$425.75/ per credit
Part-time* Non-resident Tuition, NSU (undergraduate)	\$208.50/ per credit	\$233.25/ per credit	\$229.25/ per credit	\$241.25/ per credit	\$250.75/ per credit
Part-time* Non-resident Tuition, NSU (graduate)	\$281.00/ per credit	\$300.50/ per credit	\$308.75/ per credit	\$324.75/ per credit	\$337.75/ per credit
Part-time* Non-resident Tuition, [Community Colleges] CSN, GBC, TMCC, WNC (upper-division)	\$208.50/ per credit	\$223.25/ per credit	\$229.25/ per credit	\$241.25/ per credit	\$250.75/ per credit
Part-time* Non-resident Tuition, [Community Colleges] CSN, GBC, TMCC, WNC (lower-division)	\$127.25/ per credit	\$136.25/ per credit	\$139.75/ per credit	\$146.75/ per credit	\$152.75/ per credit

* Part-time non-resident tuition rates are assessed to students enrolled in fewer than 7 credits

Distance Education Tuition

(Rates are assessed in addition to registration fees)

	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>2027-28</u>
Non-resident Tuition*, Distance Education, [Universities] UNLV, UNR (undergraduate)	\$131.25/ per credit	\$140.50/ per credit	\$144.25/ per credit	\$151.75/ per credit	158.00/ per credit
Non-resident Tuition*, Distance Education, [Universities] UNLV, UNR (graduate)	\$161.00/ per credit	\$172.25/ per credit	\$176.75/ per credit	\$186.00/ per credit	\$193.50/ per credit
Non-resident Tuition*, Distance Education, NSU (undergraduate)	\$94.75/ per credit	\$101.50/ per credit	\$104.25/ per credit	\$109.75/ per credit	\$114.00/ per credit
Non-resident Tuition*, Distance Education, NSU (graduate)	\$127.75/ per credit	\$136.75/ per credit	\$140.50/ per credit	\$147.75/ per credit	\$153.50/ per credit

Non-resident Tuition*, Distance Education, [Community Colleges] <i>CSN,</i> <i>GBC, TMCC, WNC</i> (upper- division)	\$94.75/ per credit	\$101.50/ per credit	\$104.25/ per credit	\$109.75/ per credit	\$114.00/ per credit
Non-resident Tuition*, Distance Education, [Community Colleges] <i>CSN,</i> <i>GBC, TMCC, WNC</i> (lower- division)	\$57.75/ per credit	\$62.00/ per credit	\$63.50/ per credit	\$66.75/ per credit	\$69.50/ per credit

* Assessed only to non-resident students who are residing outside of Nevada during the semester in which enrollment in the distance education course(s) occurs.

Section 2. ***Concurrent and Dual [and Concurrent] Enrollment Fee[s] Guidelines***

1. ***Nevada high school students qualifying for discounted concurrent or dual enrollment registration fees shall not be charged an application fee.*** Fees established in this section are effective for academic year 2022-23 and 2023-24 only.
2. [All NSHE institutions will charge \$75 per course for] ***Nevada high school students qualifying for discounted concurrent enrollment registration fees [courses] shall not be charged [with no] additional student and/or special course fees.***
3. [Except as otherwise provided, the following schedule will be utilized for dual enrollment courses:

<u>Institution Tier</u>	<u>Per Credit Registration Fee</u>	<u>Other Fees</u>
Universities	\$150/credit	Technology fee (regular and iNtegrate); any special course fees associated with an individual course]
State College	\$118/credit	
Community Colleges	\$85/credit	

Nevada high school students enrolled in a formally established dual enrollment program shall be charged the discounted dual enrollment registration fee. In addition, [I]nstitutions may utilize [this] the discounted dual enrollment registration fee [pricing] for Nevada high school students who are independently enrolled in an NSHE course that is not offered through a formally established dual enrollment program. Students qualifying for discounted dual enrollment registration fees shall also be charged the technology fee (regular and iNtegrate) and special course fees associated with an individual course. Other fees shall not be charged.

4. [The following reduced pricing schedule for dual enrollment courses may be utilized for high school students qualifying for free and reduced lunch:

<u>Institution Tier</u>	<u>Per Credit Registration Fee</u>	<u>Other Fees</u>
Universities	\$102/credit	

State College	\$80/credit	Technology fee (regular and iNtegrate); any special course fees associated with an individual course]
Community Colleges	\$58/credit	

Institutions may utilize the dual enrollment Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) pricing schedule for FRL qualifying Nevada high school students enrolled in a formally established dual enrollment program. Registration will be assessed at the regular dual enrollment pricing schedule until verification of qualifying FRL students is received from the school district designee. In addition, institutions may utilize the FRL pricing schedule for independently enrolled Nevada high school students, with appropriate documentation. Upon receipt of verification of FRL qualification, the institution will adjust the dual enrollment pricing to reflect the FRL dual enrollment pricing. Institutions shall establish a procedure and timeline in which verification must be made for the institution to apply the FRL dual enrollment pricing. Institutions will then process any applicable refunds.

5. For the purpose of this section, the term:

- a. “Concurrent enrollment course” means a postsecondary course taught to high school students by a high school instructor mutually agreed upon by the NSHE institution and high school.
- b. “Dual enrollment course” means a postsecondary course taught by an NSHE instructor to high school students through a formally established dual enrollment program.

~~[6. Students enrolled in dual or concurrent enrollment courses and/or programs will not be charged an application fee.]~~