

FINANCING YOUR GRADUATE EDUCATION

*Ursuline College
School of Graduate and Professional Studies*

2016 – 2017 Academic Year Tuition and Fees

Tuition (per credit hour)	General Fees
Graduate Tuition – \$1,052	Application – \$25
Counseling & Art Therapy – \$1,052	Parking (per semester) – \$30
Historic Preservation – \$1,052	Prior Learning (plus a \$25 assessment fee) – \$60
Liberal Studies – \$1,052*	TK 20 for Education – \$100
Theological & Pastoral Studies – \$1,052*	Technology fee (per semester) – \$110 part time, \$150 full time
Master of Science in Nursing – \$1,052	Course fees vary – see course schedule
Doctor of Nursing Practice – \$1,052	
Master Apprenticeship Program (MAP) – \$527	
Educational Administration – \$632	
Master of Business Administration – \$810	

Tuition Assistance

Master Apprenticeship Program: The MAP program is automatically discounted for every student.

Master of Business Administration: The MBA program is automatically discounted for every student.

Master of Arts in Educational Administration: Educational Administration students receive a 40% tuition discount off the regular graduate tuition rate. The discounted rate equates to \$632 per credit hour.

Master of Arts in Liberal Studies*: Liberal Studies students employed as teachers, school administrators or librarians may receive a 1/3 tuition reduction upon verification of eligibility.

Master of Arts in Theological & Pastoral Studies*: Theological & Pastoral Studies students receive a 1/3 tuition reduction if they meet the following criteria: teaching in a Catholic School, working part-time or full-time in pastoral ministry or having been accepted into a ministry certification program. Requests for this assistance must be renewed every semester.

Federal Student Loans

Students working toward a master's degree at Ursuline College may borrow through the **Federal Direct Stafford Student Loan** programs to assist in financing their graduate education. Any student wishing to apply for the student loan should complete the FAFSA. The form must be completed each year and must list Ursuline College's School Code of 003134 to ensure our receipt of the processed results. The FAFSA may be completed on the Web at fafsa.gov. In order to e-sign the application, students will first need to apply for an FSA User ID and password at fafsa.gov.

FAFSA processing takes approximately two weeks. Students will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) and confirmation page in response to the completed application. Results will also be sent to each college listed on the application.

Graduate students may borrow up to \$20,500 per year through the Stafford loan program based on enrollment and eligibility. Repayment of these student loans is deferred as long as students maintain at least half-time



enrollment (at least 3 credits per semester) and for six months after enrollment on at least a half-time basis is ceased.

- *Unsubsidized Loans* – Available to all students who attend on at least half-time basis and have not defaulted on a previous federal loan. Interest does accrue while a student is in school and can be paid by the borrower while in school and during the six month grace period or it can be deferred until repayment of principle begins.
- *Graduate PLUS Loan* – Graduate students who wish to borrow funds in addition to his or her Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans can borrow a Graduate PLUS Loan. To apply for the Graduate PLUS loan a student must complete an application and promissory note at www.studentloans.gov.

The **Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP)** is a forgivable low-interest loan program available to MSN students with a subspecialty in Nursing Education. If eligible, this loan can cover tuition and fees for the recipient. Up to 85% of the loan may be forgiven in exchange for fulfilling a four year full-time teaching requirement. Applications and detailed information about the program are available online or through the Office of Graduate Admission.

Private Alternative Loans can be used if you have reached the maximum borrowing limits in the Stafford and PLUS Loan Programs and still have educational expenses to cover. There are a number of private alternative loans available, each with varying loans terms. Applications and additional information about these programs are available through our Financial Aid Office. Please remember that these loans are from private sources and not funded by the government. As a result, additional information and documentation will be requested of you and applicants must be deemed “credit worthy” by the lending institution to be eligible.

Employer Reimbursement & Deferment

Students eligible for tuition reimbursement from their employers who elect to use the reimbursement to pay their tuition and fees must complete a Tuition Deferment Form/Application found in the Student Service Center. Funds must be paid to the college within 30 days following the conclusion of the semester to which the deferment is applied. There is a \$25 Enrollment Fee for the semester and students must provide credit card information on which the semester's fees will be charged if payment is not received by 30 days after the last class of the current semester in which the deferment is set up for. For more information, visit the Student Service Center or call 440 646 8309.

Payment Plans

The Ursuline College Monthly Tuition Pay Plan offers students the opportunity to spread tuition payments, interest-free, over 4 or 5 monthly installments, per semester. A \$25 fee is assessed each semester in which the payment plan is used. The payment plan is available for fall and spring semesters and students need to sign up for the plan each semester they intend to use it. For additional information on the payment plan, call the Student Service Center at 440 646 8310.

Scholarships and Grants

Other scholarship opportunities may be available through individual departments. Inquiries regarding program-specific scholarships should be directed to graduate program directors.

Helen Dineen Scholarship A scholarship awarded on an annual basis to graduate students exhibiting a high level of academic scholarship, financial need and a desire to work with children. Students must complete a FAFSA and Scholarship Application Form. Eligible candidates will be sent the application materials from Graduate Studies, and the forms are to be returned to Mullen 302 by September 30.

Graham Hunter Foundation Endowed Scholarship An Counseling and Art Therapy scholarship award granted to the College by Carol Kelley, class of 1989. For details please contact the Counseling and Art Therapy Department at 440 646 8139.



Sarah Scherer Memorial Fund This scholarship was established in honor of Sarah Scherer, a counseling and art therapy student who died in a tragic accident while on vacation in Italy in the fall of 2007. Sarah was completing an internship at Signature Health, a community mental health agency where she also worked. Sarah's creativity, compassion and wisdom were an inspiration to both her clients and fellow students. The recipient will receive a \$2,000 scholarship and complete a paid internship at Signature Health.

American Art Therapy Association Please visit their website at <http://www.arttherapy.org/>.

Joseph Nearon Ministry Scholarship and the Theological & Pastoral Studies Scholarship Fund Scholarships awarded to Theological & Pastoral Studies graduate students. For details please contact the Graduate Theological & Pastoral Studies Office at 440 646 8195.

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program provides grants to students who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families in high-need education areas. Interested students should contact the Office of Financial Aid for further details or visit studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/TEACH.jsp.

National League for Nursing Please visit their website at <http://www.nln.org/giving/overview/foundation-programs/foundation-for-nursing-education-scholarship-awards>

Loan Forgiveness

Federal assistance is available for loan forgiveness. Carefully read all of the information provided on the websites to determine your eligibility.

- National Health Services Corp (<http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/>)
- Teacher Loan Forgiveness (<http://studentaid.ed.gov/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/charts/teacher>)
- Public Services Loan Forgiveness (<http://studentaid.ed.gov/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/charts/public-service>)

Graduate Housing

For more information about on-campus housing, please visit: ursuline.edu/Student_Life/Residence_Life. In addition, Graduate Admission has compiled a small list of off-campus housing at ursuline.edu/Admission/Graduate/housing

The Office of Financial Aid and the Student Service Center

440 646 8309

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ursuline.edu/Admission/Financial_Aid/index.html

