



Board of Trustees of The City University of New York

RESOLUTION TO

Authorize Hunter College to Add an Academic Excellence Fee to the Doctor of Nursing Practice in Nurse Anesthesia Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nursing Program

June 24, 2024

WHEREAS, Hunter College offers graduate-level degrees in its various schools which are nationally recognized for their outstanding quality; and

WHEREAS, Hunter College offers a Doctor of Nursing Practice in Nurse Anesthesia Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (NA-ADACNP) program that allows students upon graduation to apply for New York State Licensure and National Certification (approved by the Board of Trustees in December 2023); and

WHEREAS, the NA-ADACNP program is seeking accreditation by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs and approval by the New York State Education Department; and

WHEREAS, Hunter College is requesting approval of an Academic Excellence Fee of \$380 per credit to be used solely to support and enhance the NA-ADACNP Program for accreditation; and

WHEREAS, the funds generated by the fee will enable Hunter College to provide faculty and staff salary support to ensure students are provided with the highest quality faculty, maintain compliance with Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs standards, and ensure a state-of-the-art simulation learning curriculum that enhances and augments the traditional didactic and clinical curriculum; and

WHEREAS, the Hunter College Provost and other administrators met with various faculty and student groups to discuss the Academic Excellence Fee, including officers of the Senate Budget Committee, current DNP students and faculty;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York authorizes Hunter College to charge a \$380 per credit Academic Excellence fee for students registered in the Hunter College Doctor of Nursing Practice in Nurse Anesthesia Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program, effective Fall 2024.

EXPLANATION:

The proposed Academic Excellence Fee of \$380 per credit is necessary to strengthen the academic curriculum and services to students in the NA-ADACNP DNP Program. The fee revenue will be used solely for the direct support of the NA-ADACNP DNP Program. This new fee will take effect for students entering the Fall 2024 semester.

The funds generated by the Academic Excellence Fee will be used to:

1. Provide faculty and staff salary support to ensure students are provided the highest quality faculty that excel in didactic, clinical, and discovery scholarship;
2. Maintain compliance with Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs standards;
3. Ensure a state-of-the-art simulation learning curriculum that enhances and augments the traditional didactic and clinical curriculum;
4. Provide annual subscriptions for student nurse anesthesia learning software such as *APEX*, and student adult gerontology acute care nurse practitioner learning software *Fitzgerald-AGACNP* as well as *Typhon-NAST*, which tracks student anesthesia clinical hours and allows clinical educators to easily document student success and achievement of accreditation standards.

Hunter College's closest geographic competitors are Hofstra University, Columbia University, SUNY/Buffalo, and Rutgers University-Newark. All of these programs have significantly higher tuition rates than Hunter. At this time, the only Nurse Anesthesia programs in the New York City region are offered by Columbia University and Hofstra University. There are currently no Nurse Anesthesia programs affiliated with a public university in the New York metropolitan area. Hunter College tuition, including the proposed academic excellence fee of \$380 per credit, remains more affordable than our competitors.