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PROGRAM FEE REQUEST - NEW

University: University of Arizona

College/School: College of Public Health

Department: School of Health Professions

Program: M.S. Midwifery

○ Both ◉ Graduate ○ Undergraduate

Resident:

$ 2,000 /semester
Proposed Fee

Effective Date: Fall 2026
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Non-Resident:

$ 2,000 /semester
Proposed Fee

Effective Date: Fall 2026
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Other Applicable Fees in School/Program	Resident:	Non-Resident:
Applicable Differential Tuition:	0	0
Number of classes within the program with a fee:	0	0
Percent of classes within the program with a fee:	0%	0%

Purpose (Please provide a brief statement detailing the purpose of the tuition, including the anticipated expenditures of tuition revenue and benefits the tuition will provide students.)

The M.S. Midwifery program is a two-year professional graduate degree program scheduled to launch in Fall 2026, pending Arizona Board of Nursing approval. The proposed program fee will support the costs associated with required clinical placements and simulation-based learning experiences. These costs include the purchase, maintenance, and use of simulation equipment and university simulation resources, as well as the identification, evaluation, and development of qualified clinical preceptors and clinical sites. The fee will also support ongoing preceptor training, support, and development to strengthen clinical partnerships and ensure high-quality clinical learning experiences for students.

Justification (Please provide a brief statement on what the proposal is intended to pay for and how much of the costs will be covered by the incremental revenue)

The Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME) requires midwifery education programs to secure and manage clinical sites for students (ACME Criterion V.F.). In a highly competitive clinical placement environment, responsibility for identifying and securing qualified preceptors rests with the program rather than the student. In addition, the program must verify and track preceptor qualifications, ensure sufficient and appropriate clinical sites to meet program outcomes, and regularly evaluate clinical sites to confirm alignment with student learning objectives. These requirements necessitate dedicated administrative and faculty support, including staff time to coordinate clinical placements, faculty travel for clinical site development and evaluation, and the provision of ongoing professional development and support for preceptors.

The proposed program fee will offset costs associated with identifying and developing new preceptors and clinical sites, evaluating site effectiveness, tracking student completion of required clinical learning outcomes, and supporting preceptors through structured professional development activities. The fee will also support simulation-related instructional costs, including student use of the ASTEC and iCAPS simulation facilities and the purchase, maintenance, and replacement of midwifery-specific simulation equipment, such as birthing mannequins. In accordance with Arizona Board of Regents policy, 14% of gross program fee revenue will be allocated to the Financial Aid Set-Aside (FAS) to provide financial support to eligible students impacted by the fee.

Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME). (2025). Criteria for Programmatic Accreditation of Midwifery Education Programs with Instructions for Elaboration and Documentation.

Student Consultation (Please describe the method and outcomes of student consultation)

The M.S. Midwifery is a new program and does not yet have enrolled students.

Additionally, student consultation is conducted through established university governance processes. The executive officers of the Associated Students of the University of Arizona (ASUA) and the Graduate Professional Student Council (GPSC), the recognized student government bodies on the University of Arizona campus, serve as members of the University Fees Committee and participate in the annual review of all fee proposals. Through this process, student representatives review each proposal, consider impacts on the cost of attendance, and assess whether the proposed fee provides a clear benefit to the students who will pay it.

MARKET PRICING

Institution	Degree	Annual Price		
		Resident	Nonresident	Online
SUNY Downstate	MSN (No PF)	$ 9,331	$ 19,971	
UNLV	MSN ($844/yr PF)	11,099.20	20,148.32	
Texas Tech University Health Sciences	MSN ($3000/yr PF)	13,872.48	22,304.82	
Georgia College & State University	MSN ($805/yr PF)	14,277.00	21,141.00	
University of Arizona	MS ($2000/yr PF)	18,352.00	25,400.00	
Cal State Fullerton	MSN ($7488/yr PF)	26,640.00		

BUDGET

Financial Aid Set Aside (FSA) Amount: 14.0%

Proposed Annual Revenue

Program Fee	$	$ 4,000.00
Number of Students	#	$ 10
Total Revenue	=	$ 40,000.00

Proposed Annual Expenditures

Financial Aid Set Aside	$	$ 5,600.00
Administrative Service Charge	$	$ 0.00
Personnel	$	$ 15,000.00
Site Visit Expenses	$	$ 5,000.00
Preceptor Development	$	$ 4,400.00
ASTEC/ICaPs Fees-simulation	$	$ 10,000.00
	$	
	$	
	$	
Total Program Costs	=	$ 40,000.00