TUITION (POLICY)

A. Tuition

1. Undergraduate tuition at Oglala Lakota College is $65.00 per credit hour for students whose attendance results in “per pupil funding”. *
2. Undergraduate tuition at Oglala Lakota College for any student whose attendance does not result in “per pupil funding” is $98.00 per credit hour. *
3. Graduate tuition is $115.00 per credit hour.

- Students who have their tribal enrollment documentation on file with Oglala Lakota College Registrar’s Office does result in “Per pupil funding” and will not be affected by the higher tuition. Why is this documentation required? Simply, the College’s primary source of funding is a Public Law known as the “Tribally Controlled Community College Assistance Act.” This law requires all who claim to be Native American to provide proof that they are an enrolled member of a Federally recognized tribe. Any student who does not provide the Registrar’s Office with this information will not have the major portion of the cost of their education reimbursed to the College. Tuition and fees only cover a small fraction of the actual cost of a student’s education.

B. Tuition Assistance

1. Financial Assistance, scholarships and grants are available for those students who qualify.
2. Refunds will be made according to the refund policy.

C. I. Tuition Waiver for Veterans
Veterans may be granted tuition waivers. The tuition waiver is good for undergraduate courses only. To qualify, the Veteran must meet the following criteria:
   a. Must have used all entitlement to, or not be eligible for, educational benefits, (Veterans benefits, Pell grants, Higher Education grants, Scholarships.)
   b. Must have honorable discharge.
   c. Must have served more than 181 days in the Military. (Proof of Military Service is the DD-214).
   d. Must be a first generation college student.
   e. Tuition waiver will be granted until a first Bachelor’s degree is completed.

II. Veteran Debt Waiver
All Veterans that qualify for the tuition waiver and have debts with Oglala Lakota College will have these debts waived.

D. I. Members of Local Boards and Board of Trustees will be granted tuition cost waivers when no other financial aid is available or when sufficient financial aid is not available.
E. 1. Students who have previously enrolled and did not pass 083 or 093 courses the first time can enroll again tuition free. If they do not pass again, they will have one more chance to take the class with their tuition and fees waived. Finally, if they do not pass the third time, they may still take the course but will have to pay the tuition and fees associated with the course.
   a. This specific tuition waiver applies to the 083/093 Math and R&W courses only.
   b. Students who qualify to take college level courses according to the OLC catalog matrix are still responsible for tuition and fees applicable to the other courses.
   c. Students must complete and submit a tuition waiver form to the financial aid office in order to receive the tuition waiver.

E. Withdrawal Refund
Students who withdraw voluntarily from Oglala Lakota College, after classes start, may be eligible for a refund of the tuition upon the approval of the Registrar and Financial Aid Officer. Refunds will be made in accordance with the following schedule:

Through the 2nd week: 100% refund
Starting the 3rd week: 0% refund

F. Fees
1. Registration fee is $20.00 per semester.
2. Lab fees vary in courses.
3. Technology fee is $8.00 per credit hour.
4. These fees are non-refundable starting the 3rd week.
5. Level I & II Nursing student will be charged a $120 fee per semester. This fee will cover costs for the computer assisted study programs, standardized testing, the pin and other costs related to the nursing program.

G. Review of Tuition and Fees Schedule
1. The Oglala Lakota College schedule of tuition will be reviewed annually.