



STUDENT FEE GUIDANCE

Courses in the Advanced Course Network vary in discipline, provider and student outcomes. These courses will also vary in tuition rates.

In all cases, proposed tuition rates should be reflective of:

- Student outcomes relative to college and/or career readiness achieved by successful completion of the course.
- Costs incurred by the provider to offer the course.

Additionally, fees are expected to decrease with additional students in a course.

Network Provider Support



Network Providers propose tuition fees through the template provided with the RIDE-issued Request for Proposals (RFP), which is found on ride.ri.gov/acn during RFP cycles. The following guidelines for courses proposed for Spring 2018 and on, have been provided for support in determining the appropriate fee for your course, broken down by course type and length.

Course Type	College – AP		College – Dual Enrollment		Career Prep		Career Explore	
Outcome	<i>Postsecondary Credential</i>		<i>Postsecondary Credential</i>		<i>Industry Credential</i>		<i>Work-based Learning</i>	
Range	<i>low</i>	<i>high</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>high</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>high</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>high</i>
Quarter			Average of 50% discount on public tuition rates		\$ 200	\$ 900	\$ 200	\$ 900
Semester	\$ 200	\$ 1,200			\$ 250	\$ 1,200	\$ 250	\$ 1,200
Yearlong	\$ 300	\$ 1,900			\$ 300	\$ 2,000	\$ 300	\$ 2,000

The vast majority of approved rates will fall within these ranges, however, in some circumstances, they may be lower or higher. Please use the following considerations in determining where your course may be best fit on the range.

A course fee may be on the low end of a range or lower, if:

- The seats offered in the Network are additional seats in a pre-existing course section serving multiple student populations.
- The course has additional funding sources.
- Provider has well established infrastructure requiring minimal further investment.
- Provider is utilizing a course as a recruitment strategy

A course may be on the high end of the range or higher, if:

- The course has additional supports for English language learners and students requiring special education services above and beyond expected supports.
- The course requires significant consumable materials.
- Instructor requirements dictate a higher-than-typical wage.

Additional Notes:

- The minimum enrollment will be established by RIDE in collaboration with the course provider based on the number of students who must be in the course for the fee to be within the range, unless a higher fee can be justified.
- Fees should include all expenses related to the course including test fees, course textbooks and materials. There should be no expense to students in taking the course other than transportation.
- Fees that include one-time purchases (i.e. technology) required to operate a new course will be considered, though future tuition price less the initial investment should be shared at the time of proposal.
- Fees including transportation expenses will be considered if the fee remains within the range.