STUDENT WAIVERS

ACADEMIC COMMON MARKET

This program allows students to study in a specialized field at an out-of-state college and pay in-state tuition rates. To qualify for this waiver, the degree program cannot be offered by a public institution in the state where the student resides. The student must reside in one of the 15 participating SREB (Southern Regional Education Board) states.

For additional information, contact the ACM (Academic Common Market) coordinator in your home state. They will be able to provide details on the application process and the documentation needed.

EMPLOYEE TUITION WAIVER (NSU EMPLOYEES ONLY)

Norfolk State University allows full-time employees to use tuition waiver benefits to assist them in pursuing academic goals by giving them the opportunity to use educational services available at the university. To be eligible the employee has to be employed by NSU for one year and be admitted to NSU as a student. Eligible employees can receive a tuition waiver for two courses, up to six (6) per semester for tuition only, employees must pay all associated mandatory fees and book charges.

For additional information, contact Norfolk State University Human Resources office.

https://www.nsu.edu/human-resources/contact-us

PSYCHOLOGY CONSORTIUM WAIVER

The Virginia Consortium Program in Clinical Psychology is a joint program Ph.D. program in Clinical Psychology between Norfolk State University and Old Dominion University (ODU). Through contractual agreement, ODU is the home school of record and all tuition dollars are collected at the home school. Students admitted and enrolled in this program take classes at NSU and must be in good academic standing. The Graduate Program Directors in the Psychology Departments at both institutions monitor the academic standing of all students.

For additional information about this waiver, questions can be directed to the NSU Graduate Program Director in the Psychology Department.

https://www.nsu.edu/psychology/contact-us

MILITARY WAIVER (USING A COPY OF ACTIVE ORDERS)

Students with current military orders for Virginia are eligible to receive in-state tuition. Orders must have a future PRD (projected rotation date) listed in order to be eligible. The waiver applied will bring the student to the base in-state rate. Military orders are submitted to the Third-Party Coordinator in the Student Accounts Office for review and processing.

For additional information, contact the Student Accounts Office.

https://www.nsu.edu/student-accounts/contact-us
**MILITARY WAIVERS (USING TUITION ASSISTANCE FROM VARIOUS MILITARY BRANCHES)**

Military students using tuition assistance are eligible to receive in-state tuition rates upon submission of the approved tuition assistance forms. Students using tuition assistance are also eligible to receive a contracted $250 per credit hour rate. NSU will bill the military at this rate. For information on obtaining tuition assistance forms please go to [https://www.nsu.edu/msva/military-tuition-assistance](https://www.nsu.edu/msva/military-tuition-assistance) and select the appropriate branch. Approved forms are submitted to the Third-Party Coordinator in Student Accounts.

For additional information, contact the Student Accounts Office.

[https://www.nsu.edu/student-accounts/contact-us](https://www.nsu.edu/student-accounts/contact-us)

**TA/RA WAIVERS (TEACHING ASSISTANTS/RESEARCH ASSISTANTS)**

Graduate research assistants and teaching assistants are eligible to receive in-state tuition if they meet the criteria listed below.

- Be classified as an out of state student at NSU
- Be enrolled for the current semester
- Have an assistantship with a department on campus
- Have an HR1, showing they work for the university making a minimum of $2000 per semester or an annual contract of at least $4000.00.

For additional information, contact the Graduate Program Coordinator for the department.

[https://www.nsu.edu/graduate-studies/contact-us](https://www.nsu.edu/graduate-studies/contact-us)

**SENIOR CITIZEN WAIVERS**

Virginia residents who meet the following criteria are eligible to take classes for credit at NSU free of charge for Tuition and fees. To be eligible, students:

- Must have a taxable income not exceeding $23,850 (or the current rate set by the State) for state income tax purposes. A copy of preceding years tax return must be provided.
- Be 60 years of age or older
- Be a legal resident of Virginia
- Be admitted to the college as an in-state student

For additional information, contact the Office of the Registrar.

[https://www.nsu.edu/registrar/contact-us](https://www.nsu.edu/registrar/contact-us)
**VIRGINIA MILITARY SURVIVORS DEPENDENT WAIVERS (VMSDEP)**

The Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Program (VMSDEP) provides educational benefits for Tuition and fees to spouses and children of military service members killed, missing in action, taken prisoner, or who have been rated by the US Department of Veterans Affairs as totally and permanently disabled or at least 90 percent permanently disabled as a result of military service. Benefits are available for up to eight semesters. Benefits do not include charges for books, housing or meals. Depending on the funding from VMSDEP, students may qualify for a book stipend but these funds are not guaranteed.

For additional information, contact the Office of Military Services and Veterans Affairs.

[https://www.nsu.edu/msva/contact-us](https://www.nsu.edu/msva/contact-us)

**VIRGINIA NON-RESIDENT WAIVERS**

Any non-Virginia student who resides outside the Commonwealth and has been employed full time in the Commonwealth for at least one year immediately prior to the date of the entitlement may be eligible to receive instate tuition. This benefit also applies to a student who is claimed as a dependent for federal and Virginia income tax purposes if the nonresident parent claiming the student as a dependent has been employed full time for a year prior to the entitlement. Virginia income taxes must be paid on all taxable income earned in the Commonwealth to be eligible.

For additional information, contact the Office of Student Accounts

[https://www.nsu.edu/student-accounts/contact-us](https://www.nsu.edu/student-accounts/contact-us)

**PROCESSING STUDENT WAIVERS**

Department heads for the each of the prospective waivers listed above are responsible for verifying, approving, and notifying the Financial Aid Office of students eligible for a waiver. The Registrar is responsible for notifying Financial Aid of any students who have dropped classes that could result in waiver adjustments. Financial Aid receives the department head’s list of students, with supporting documentation, to grant the waiver and properly calculate the waiver amount. This listing with supporting documentation is submitted to Student Accounts for processing.