

## Teacher/Administrator Reduced Graduate Tuition Rate Guidelines

Teachers actively engaged in the Winthrop University-School Partnership Network who collaborate with faculty in the development of preservice educators are eligible for a 50% tuition reduction. The reduced tuition rate can be used for one graduate course per semester in which the teacher maintains current training and the required credentials qualifying them as a Mentor Teacher for the state of South Carolina and Winthrop University. School liaisons and building administrators also qualify for the reduced tuition rate as long as they, too, are supporting preservice teacher development and maintain current training.

Required qualifications include three components:

1. Complete the state-required mentor teacher training (currently “Foundations in Mentoring”);
2. Attend face-to-face Mentor Teacher meetings and associated webinars as scheduled throughout the year (typically fall and winter); and
3. Provide data and feedback as requested by the Office of Field and Clinical Experiences.

Participants must utilize the course reduction within two semesters (including summer) of the time in which they qualify. The 50% reduction can only be applied to one course per semester and can be used on courses in specific graduate majors, graduate certificate programs, or for graduate non-degree courses. The reduction cannot be combined with already adjusted tuition such as summer school or cohort rates.

To take advantage of the tuition reduction, participants must first contact Dia Hablutzel ([hablutzeld@winthrop.edu](mailto:hablutzeld@winthrop.edu)) in the Office of Field and Clinical Experiences who will confirm eligibility and notify the Graduate School to apply the reduced tuition rate. Please include the following information in your email:

- Full name
- If you are currently enrolled in a degree-seeking program
- The last time you took a course utilizing the mentor teacher tuition reduction benefit
- How many courses you will be taking

Participants must meet application and registration deadlines established by the Graduate School (<http://www.winthrop.edu/graduateschool/admissions/>). An initial application fee will apply. Note, if applying as a graduate non-degree student (not enrolling in a specific program), you may submit your professional educator certificate in lieu of transcripts.