

Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) Tuition Guarantee Program



Questions and Answers - for Students and Parents

1. *What is the Tuition Guarantee program?*

The Tuition Guarantee program at Cuyahoga Community College freezes tuition at the hourly rate that you pay in your first term. The tuition rate is guaranteed not to increase in three years for students who are eligible.

2. *Who is eligible for the Tuition Guarantee program?*

All new students (first time in college) who enroll full time in a fall or spring term and meet the **enrollment** criteria and the program criteria are eligible.

3. *What enrollment criteria must I meet to be eligible for the tuition guarantee?*

There are three enrollment criteria. You will:

- Enroll full time each term; full time is 12 credit hours or more
- Attend consecutive fall and spring terms with no breaks (summer attendance is optional)
- Complete an academic plan by the end of the second term of enrollment

4. *What is an academic plan?*

An academic plan is the list of courses needed for your selected academic program (associate degree or certificate) in the order that you need to take them. You will complete an academic plan in consultation with an academic counselor using DegreeWorks.

5. *When did the Tuition Guarantee program begin?*

The program began in fall 2014 with new, incoming students.

6. *Can I attend in the summer term and get the tuition guarantee?*

Yes. You don't **have** to attend in the summer, but if you do, your tuition will be at the guaranteed rate. You can attend part time or full time in the summer and pay the guaranteed tuition rate.

7. *What if I start at Tri-C in the summer term?*

If you started in summer 2015, or any summer term after that, you can qualify for the Tuition Guarantee program in the immediate fall term after your first summer term.

8. *How long is the tuition rate guaranteed?*

The tuition rate is guaranteed for three years as long as you remain eligible.

9. *What is included in the tuition guarantee?*

The tuition guarantee applies to the following: instructional fees, general/technology fees and out-of-county and out-of-state surcharges. It does not apply to any other fees.

10. *Do I have to be a Cuyahoga County resident to get the tuition guarantee?*

No. All new, first-time, full-time students who begin in fall or spring are eligible.

11. *Do I have to be an Ohio resident to get the tuition guarantee?*

No. All new, first-time, full-time students who begin in fall or spring are eligible.

12. *Can I take developmental education courses toward the 12 hours each term?*

Yes. All credit courses are included in the 12 hours, including developmental education.

13. *What if I finish my program and can graduate in less than three years?*

If you complete your program in less than three years, you will pay tuition at the guaranteed rate the entire time you are enrolled.

14. *What if it takes me longer than three years to graduate?*

You will pay whatever the current tuition rate is in all terms that you register after three years at the guaranteed rate.

15. *What if I don't enroll full time?*

If you don't enroll full time (12 credits), you will be charged the current rate of tuition for the term in which you enroll less than full time; for all terms after that, regardless of whether you enroll full time or part time, you will pay the current tuition rate. Once you stop enrolling full time, you no longer qualify for the tuition guarantee.

16. *What if I enroll full time and then drop a course?*

Your full-time enrollment will be determined at the end of the term. If you drop a course during the term and are no longer enrolled full time, you will be charged the current rate of tuition for the term in which you enroll less than full time. All terms after that, regardless of whether you enroll full time or part time, will be at the current tuition rate. Once you stop enrolling full time, you no longer qualify for the tuition guarantee.

17. *Why is Tri-C offering a Tuition Guarantee program?*

The Tuition Guarantee program is intended to encourage you to stay at Cuyahoga Community College until you complete your degree or certificate. It is an incentive for you to enroll full time for three years and pay the same tuition rate as in your first term of enrollment.

18. *How does the Tuition Guarantee program work?*

At the time of registration, you will be charged the current tuition rate and will be guaranteed that rate for three years. If Tri-C tuition increases during or after your second year in the program, you will pay the new increased rate. If you have met all program requirements, you will then be refunded the difference between the increased rate and your guaranteed rate.