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07.26.2007 | Campus and Community, Education, Students  "We recognize that many educators are confronting real financial challenges. Some have lost jobs and even those who are currently employed may be finding it difficult to continue their educations," said Thomas J. Lasley II, dean of the School of Education and Allied Professions.

"Holding the line on tuition costs for these educators is one way we can help them be more effective teachers and improve their marketability," he said.

Students enrolled in the departments of teacher education, educational leadership, counselor education and human services, and health and sport science are eligible for the freeze. Not included are students in the doctor of physical therapy program.

More than half of the graduate students at the University are enrolled in these departments of the School of Education and Allied Professions, according to Lasley.

"The University is pleased to be able to make this significant institutional and financial commitment to teachers and others in the helping professions," said Daniel J. Curran, president.

The freeze will work this way:

Students who enroll for the first time during the 2007-08 academic year (fall 2007 through summer 2008) will be eligible for the tuition freeze through the summer of 2010.

Tuition for students already enrolled prior to fall 2007 will be frozen through summer 2009.

The University, which operates on a semester calendar, will freeze rates at current levels as of fall 2007. Those rates per semester credit hour are: master's, $435; education specialist, $544; and doctorate, $587.

Lasley said given current trends in private higher education, he expects tuition to continue to increase annually, so the tuition freeze could potentially result in significant savings for teachers.

"Though UD is already very competitive in its pricing in comparison to other schools both on the semester and quarter calendars in the region, this effort is directed toward giving an extra hand to those students in the helping professions," Lasley said. "Teachers, especially, need additional coursework and have very limited resources, given current salary structures."

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