

**Manhattan Area Technical College
Institutional Policy and Procedure Manual**

Policy No. 7.4.7
(prior Policy No. 5.2.2)

Title: Employee and Dependent Educational Assistance Program	
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Policy Statement:

To facilitate the professional growth and advanced educational development of all its employees and their dependents, the college will reimburse an employee for continuing education through an accredited program that either offers growth in an area related to their current position or specific program of study, or that may lead to promotional opportunities. This education may include for employee's college credit courses, continuing education unit courses, seminars, and/or course work to include attainment of professional certification, and for dependents taking courses at Manhattan Tech. The employee and/or his/her dependent is responsible for paying for fees and materials for the course.

Rationale:

The college recognizes that continued professional development improves employee job performance and increases job satisfaction and retention. The College also believes that removing the financial hardship associated with such training will encourage employee participation and promote positive morale.

Definitions and Procedures:

1. Eligibility

- a. A "Student" for purposes of tuition assistance, shall mean the employee or a spouse or any dependent that is currently claimed for federal tax reporting.
- b. To be eligible for tuition assistance, you must be a full-time, regular employee who has completed six-months of employment and is continuously employed by the college on the "Student's" first day and last day of the class.
- c. An adjunct faculty member who has taught for a total of ten semesters, excluding summer, is also eligible for tuition assistance per one semester per academic year.
- d. The amount of tuition assistance shall equal or be no greater than \$500 of tuition only per semester unless otherwise stated. The cost of books, supplies, and any program/institutional fees are not eligible.
- e. Tuition assistance shall only be made upon certification or successful completion of the course, which is defined as earning a grade of "C" or better, or a "pass" in a pass/fail course. Withdrawals, non-credits, audits, or incompletes are not eligible for reimbursement.

2. Tuition Reimbursement Request Procedures

- a. In order to receive tuition assistance, within one calendar year from the beginning of the semester in which the class was completed, the employee must submit to the employee's supervisor the Request for Tuition Assistance Form, a copy of appropriately marked official receipts showing course(s) has been paid in full, and a copy of an official grade report showing successful completion of the course(s) from the approved provider. The cost of books, supplies, tools, program/institutional fees, and other related educational expenses are not eligible for reimbursement
- b. The appropriate executive administrator, with the employee's supervisor, will approve or deny the request and the supervisor will notify the employee of the decision. If approved the supervisor will process request for reimbursement with the business office. Electronic copies of request form and supporting documentation will be maintained in employee's electronic personnel file in HR department.
- c. The College reserves the right to refuse to provide tuition assistance if the collective amount requested by employees and/or their dependents exceeds what has been budgeted for such assistance in any fiscal year.

This benefit is intended to comply with the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 117(d) and the regulations thereunder.

Request for Employee and Dependent Educational Assistance Program

To facilitate the professional growth and advanced educational development of all its employees and their dependents, the college will reimburse an employee for continuing education through an accredited program that either offers growth in an area related to their current position or specific program of study, or that may lead to promotional opportunities. *(Note: The cost of books, supplies, tools, program/institutional fees, and other related educational expenses are not eligible for reimbursement. For additional details see MATC Policy and Procedure No. 7.4.7.)*

ELIGIBILITY:

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REQUEST PROCEDURE:

1. Submit the following information within one calendar year from the beginning of the semester in which the class was completed to the employee's supervisor:
 - a. Completed Request for Employee and Dependent Educational Assistance Program form; and
 - b. Copy of appropriately marked official receipts showing course(s) has been paid in full; and
 - c. Copy of an official grade report showing successful completion of the course(s) from the approved provider.
2. Employee's supervisor, with the appropriate executive administrator, will approve or deny the request.
3. Approved requests are processed with the business office. Electronic copies of request form and supporting documentation will be maintained in employee's electronic personnel file in HR department.

EMPLOYEE SECTION:

Employee: _____ Employee Status: Full-time Part-time

Student (if different from above): _____ Relationship to employee: _____

Name of credit awarding entity/institution: _____

Semester Term/Year: _____ Total # of credits earned: _____ Total Tuition amount: _____

After the Employee Section has been completed and signed by the employee, the request should be submitted to the supervisor for verification, supervisor will obtain approval signature from Vice President or executive administrator designee. Completed requests are submitted to the Business Office/Human Resources Department with a copy of appropriately marked paid receipts and grade reports to be processed.

By my signature, I certify that the above information is correct, and that any person for which a reimbursement claim is made meets the requirements as outlined above and as stated in Policy 7.4.7. I agree to provide appropriate documentation if requested by the college.

Employee Signature

Date

SUPERVISOR VERIFICATION/APPROVAL:

- Does the employee and/or dependent meet qualifications for reimbursement as outline? YES NO
- Was the employee continuously employed on the first and last day of class? YES NO
- Have all the required documents been provided? YES NO

If no, provide explanation: _____

Tuition Reimbursement Amount \$ _____

Approved: _____

Supervisors Initials: _____

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR APPROVAL:

Approved Denied VP (or designee) Signature: _____

BUSINESS OFFICE VERIFICATION:

Date Reimbursement Processed: _____ BO Initials: _____