



FAQ: State of Michigan & DU Partnership

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1. How do I contact Davenport University?

Visit us: www.Davenport.edu

Call Us: Admissions - 1-800-686-1600
Student Services - 1-866-383-3548

Email Us: info@davenport.edu

2. What is the State of Michigan and DU Partnership?

Through this program, State of Michigan employees will be able to pursue an Associates, Bachelor's or Master's Degree at a reduced tuition rate after business hours. The program was devised as a way to be responsive to State of Michigan employees who communicated a desire for more opportunities for continued learning and career development. This is being done by eliminating or reducing some of the obstacles that may prevent employees from pursuing higher education, such as cost and convenience.

Students are responsible for all costs and fees associated with the program. However, significant discounts and federal grants are available for those who are eligible. This means that the State of Michigan will not be funding employee participation in the partnership. Rather, through the inception of this partnership the State of Michigan intends to facilitate opportunities for employees to pursue educational opportunities and to provide an avenue for continued professional development.

3. What is in it for me?

The State of Michigan and Davenport University partnership offers:

- A discounted tuition rate
- \$25 Application Fee Waived
- A convenient class schedule
- Increased career path opportunities
- Access to Davenport resources
- Dependents (up to age 29) & spouses receive a 25% tuition discount

4. Who can participate in this program?

All State of Michigan employees including limited term status employees are eligible for participation in this partnership.

MEDC & MPHI employees are eligible for all the same benefits as the State of Michigan employees.

Student assistants are now eligible to participate in this program.

State of Michigan contract employees will receive a 25% discount on all programs with the exception of competency based education programs.

State of Michigan employees' dependents (up to age 29) and spouses will receive a 25% discount on all programs with the exception of competency based education programs.

Employees who were laid-off from the State of Michigan and are eligible to return to work at the State of Michigan (good standing).

5. How do I get the tuition discount awarded?

State of Michigan Employee will need to follow the following steps.

1. Students will fill out the [Partnership Discount Application](#).
2. Students will receive an email asking for them to reply with their verification documents.
 - a. A recent pay stub issued within the last 30 days
3. [Partnership Discount Application](#) will need to be completed once per semester.
4. This will need to be completed within 1 week of the start of the semester.

State of Michigan Dependent will need to follow the following steps.

1. Students will fill out [Partnership Discount Application](#).
2. Students will receive an email asking for them to reply with their verification documents.
 - a. Their parent/spouse's pay stub issued within the last 30 days **AND**
 - b. [Discount Dependency Verification Form](#)
3. [Partnership Discount Application](#) will need to be completed once per semester.
4. This will need to be completed within 1 week of the start of the semester.

State of Michigan Contract Employees will need to follow the following steps.

1. Students will fill out the [Partnership Discount Application](#).
2. Students will receive an email asking for them to reply with their verification documents.

- a. A recent pay stub issued within the last 30 days
- b. Davenport University will verify employment with the State of Michigan
- 3. [Partnership Discount Application](#) will need to be completed once per semester.
- 4. This will need to be completed within 1 week of the start of the semester.

6. Who qualifies as a dependent student?

Dependents include spouses, domestic partners, children, and stepchildren. Children and stepchildren who are 29 years old and younger.

7. Why Davenport University?

Davenport University offers comprehensive programming, flexibility, and great pricing for State of Michigan employees.

8. What degrees are offered through this program?

Degree/Certificate	Degree/Certificate Concentration
<u>Associates Degree Programs</u>	Business Administration Accounting
<u>Bachelor's Degree Programs</u>	Management Accounting Information Management General Business Health Services Administration Technology Project Management Network Security Network Management and Design
<u>Master's Degree Programs</u>	Master of Business Administration Master in Management Master of Science in Technology Management Master of Science in Security Information and Assurance
<u>Specialty Programs</u>	Bachelor in Science Nursing Completion Master in Science Nursing



9. Do I have to be a degree-seeking student to participate?

You do not have to be a degree-seeking student to participate in this partnership. As a non degree-seeking student you will qualify for 50% off tuition.

If you are not a degree-seeking student, you must still complete an online application and be admitted to Davenport. However, you do not need to provide your transcripts to the university. More information about the application process can be found below.

Please note that a non-degree seeking student does not qualify for federal financial aid.

10. I work for a department (Treasury, Lottery & Gaming, LARA, DCH, and DHS) with a previous agreement. Will my tuition change?

In fall 2015, all new State of Michigan students will be included under the new contract.

****However, any Treasury, Lottery & Gaming, LARA, DCH, and DHS employee that wishes to start the Summer (July 2nd), 2015 semester, is still eligible under the original price contract which is \$175 per credit hour for undergrad and \$335 per credit hour for graduate students as well as the waiving of all fees.

Fall 2015 Tuition Rates for selected programs & agencies

Tuition Program	SOM Employee	Traditional Student DU Student	Savings
Undergraduate	\$230 per credit hour	\$633 per credit hour	\$403 per credit hour
Graduate	\$342.50 per credit hour	\$685 per credit hour	\$342.50 per credit hour
BSN Completion	\$393 per credit hour	\$664 per credit hour	\$271 per credit hour
MSN	\$420 per credit hour	\$685 per credit hour	\$265 per credit hour
Application Fee	\$0	\$25	
Student Fees**	\$305/Semester	\$305/Semester	
Books	Approximately \$100-\$200 per degree program class	Approximately \$100-\$200 per degree program class	

**Tuition will increase at the same percentage as traditional DU tuition. Example: If Davenport increased the tuition rate for all students at 5% for the 2015-16*



Academic year, the tuition rate for the State of Michigan students will increase by 5%.

***Fees including registration fee, technology fee, and student activity fee are adjusted annually. Student activity is higher for students enrolled at the Lettinga campus.*

11. How long will it take me to earn my degree?

You decide the pace at which you would like to obtain your degree. However, it is generally estimated that students will be able to finish their degrees within the time frames listed below:

Degree	Time to Completion
Associates	2 years
Bachelor's	4-4.5 years
Master's	2 years

Please note that the time it will take to complete your degree will be dependent upon the pace at which you take classes, the number of transfer credits you have accumulated, as well as course scheduling.

12. If I am unable to enroll as a student in the 2015-2016 year what is the tuition rate?

A State of Michigan student's tuition will be established according to the date of enrollment and will increase at the same percentage as traditional DU tuition.

Academic Year	Undergrad Tuition	Graduate Tuition
Spr/Summer 2016 – Winter 2017	\$260 per credit hour	\$370 per credit hour
Spr/Summer 2017 – Winter 2018	\$300 per credit hour	\$390 per credit hour
Spr/Summer 2018 – Winter 2019	\$330 per credit hour	\$410 per credit hour



13. Will my tuition cost change if I stop attending then reenroll?

State of Michigan employees that are not enrolled in a course for more than one semester, will reenter at the tuition rate at the time of reentry as stated above.

14. What would the tuition cost be if I chose to enroll outside of the selected programs?

All other programs outside of the selected State of Michigan will be eligible to receive a 50% tuition discount with the exception of Competency Based Education programs which are already significantly discounted.

15. Where will I take classes?

All State of Michigan employees will be eligible to take classes at any of Davenport University's campuses or online. Select classes will also be offered onsite at the State Operations Center in Dimondale.

16. What do I need to apply?

In order to apply to Davenport University, employees will need to have their:

- Completed online application (Complete online applications at www.davenport.edu)
- Official transcripts (High School/College)
- Prior professional, military, or training certifications

17. If I have been enrolled at Davenport University previously, do I have to reapply?

If you have been previously enrolled at Davenport you do not need to reapply to the university. Instead, please contact an academic advisor to begin enrollment at 1-866-383-3548.

18. Do I have access to advisors and other resources through Davenport?

Yes. As a participant in this partnership, you are considered to be a Davenport University student. This means that you have access to advisors, libraries, computer labs, and all other resources through Davenport University.



19. I am a current student, how do I register for classes?

If you are interested in taking classes through this partnership, Davenport asks that you do not self-register online like a traditional Davenport student. Students are asked to work with their academic advisor to register for courses. Please contact Davenport University at 1-800-383-3548 to reach out to your advisor.

20. Does Davenport accept transfer credit?

Davenport does accept transfer credit. Davenport will accept up to 90 credits towards a Bachelor's degree, and 9 credits towards a Master's degree. For more information, go to davenport.edu. Transfer credits will lessen the number of credits that you need to take at Davenport to complete your degree.

For alternative options for receiving transfer credit, like life learning or military experience, please go to davenport.edu.

21. Does Davenport accept Credit for Prior Learning?

Yes, Davenport does offer Credit for Prior Learning, as well as Credit for Life. Proof of certifications and/or a portfolio is required. For more information, please go to davenport.edu

Students also have the opportunity to test out of subjects through CLEP, DANTEs, or DSST.

22. What happens if I leave the State of Michigan?

Students who leave employment at the State of Michigan will be subject to full tuition rates in order to complete his/her degree. Eligible employees who are laid-off from the State of Michigan and are eligible to return to work, also qualify for this program for a period of two years.* Students must submit an Employee Departure Report CS-301 in order to be eligible.

**Please contact your supervisor to verify eligibility*

23. Where do I get additional financial assistance?

Students may apply for financial aid by completing a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Eligibility is determined by all federal and state regulations. State of Michigan employees, contract employees and dependents are not eligible to receive scholarships or grants for additional financial assistance from Davenport University.

For more information, please contact the [Davenport University Office of Financial Aid](#).

24. Am I able use State of Michigan Professional Development Funds towards this program?

Non-Exclusively Represented Employees (NEREs) can apply for partial reimbursement through the Professional Development Fund. Visit www.michigan.gov/ose for details and the application

25. I am a new student interested in participating in this partnership. What are my next steps?

Please call 1-800-686-1600 to schedule an in-person or phone appointment to meet one-on-one with a Davenport admissions representative, academic advisor, and financial aid counselor.

For more information visit davenport.edu/somdegreeprograms.

Additionally, any new student who is interested in participating in this program should complete a Davenport University application online. As you prepare for your appointment and the application process, make sure that you begin to gather your official transcripts, ACT scores, and certification information. Individuals interested in receiving financial aid should also complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as soon as possible.

