

**Everest Institute
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■ **ADDENDUM, effective October 1, 2011.** The Tuition and Fees table has been updated.

Program	Program Length	Credit Units	Textbooks and Equipment (Estimated)	Tuition	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3
Dental Assistant	8 Months	47	\$909.09	\$16,173	\$6,064.87	\$6,064.88	\$4,043.25
Medical Assistant	8 Months	47	\$1,461.28	\$16,173	\$6,064.87	\$6,064.88	\$4,043.25
Medical Insurance Billing and Coding	8 Months	47	\$1,949.33	\$16,173	\$6,064.87	\$6,064.88	\$4,043.25
Pharmacy Technician	8 Months	47	\$913.39	\$16,173	\$6,064.87	\$6,064.88	\$4,043.25

Effective for programs starting October 1, 2011 and after

■ **ADDENDUM, effective September 14, 2011.** The following address has been updated for the State Board of Career College and Schools.

30 East Broad Street, 24th Floor, Suite 2481
Columbus, OH 43215

■ **ADDENDUM, effective August 23, 2011.** The following Refund language has been updated in the catalog.

BUYER'S RIGHT TO CANCEL

The applicant's signature on the Enrollment Agreement does not constitute admission into The School until the student has been accepted for admission by an official of The School.

After the applicant has signed the Enrollment Agreement, the applicant may request cancellation by submitting a written notice either prior to the start of the first scheduled class or by midnight of the third business day following the signing of the Enrollment Agreement, whichever is longer, and the applicant will receive a full refund of all monies paid. Applicants who have signed the Enrollment Agreement but have not yet visited The School may also cancel within three business days following either The School's regularly scheduled orientation procedures or a tour of The School's facilities and inspection of equipment, where training and services are provided.

Cancellation will occur when the student gives a signed and dated written notice of cancellation to the Director of Admissions or Campus President at the address shown on the Enrollment Agreement. The written notice of cancellation need not take any particular form, and, however expressed, is effective if signed and dated by the student and if it states that the student no longer wishes to be bound by the Enrollment Agreement. A notice of cancellation may be given by **mail or hand delivery**. The notice of cancellation, if sent by mail, is effective when deposited in the mail, properly addressed, with postage prepaid.

DATE OF WITHDRAWAL VERSUS DATE OF DETERMINATION (DOD)

The date of withdrawal, for purposes of calculating a refund, is the student's last date of attendance. The date of determination is the earlier of the date the student officially withdraws, **provides notice of cancellation**, or the date The School determines the student has violated an academic standard. For example, when a student is withdrawn for violating an academic rule, the date of the student's withdrawal shall be the student's last date of attendance. The date of determination shall be the date The School determines the student has violated the academic rule, if the student has not filed an appeal. If the student files an appeal and the appeal is denied, the date of determination is the date the appeal is denied. If the student ceases attendance without providing official notification, the DOD shall be no more than 14 days from the student's last date of attendance.

RETURN OF TITLE IV FUNDS CALCULATION AND POLICY

The Return of Title IV Funds calculation (Return calculation) is based on the percentage of earned aid using the following calculation:

Percentage of payment period or term completed = the number of days completed up to the withdrawal date divided by the total days in the payment period or term. (Any break of five days or more is not counted as part of the days in the term.) This percentage is also the percentage of earned aid.

Funds are returned to the appropriate federal program based on the percentage of unearned aid using the following formula: Aid to be returned = (100% of the aid that could be disbursed minus the percentage of earned aid) multiplied by the total **dollar** amount of aid that could have been disbursed during the payment period or term.

The School must return the Title IV funds for which it is responsible in the following order:

1. Unsubsidized Direct Stafford loans (other than PLUS loans)
2. Subsidized Direct Stafford loans
3. Federal Perkins loans
4. Direct PLUS loans

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5. Federal Pell Grants for which a return of funds is required
6. Academic Competitiveness Grants for which a return of funds is required
7. National Smart Grants for which a return of funds is required
8. Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG) for which a return of funds is required

If a student withdraws after the 60% point-in-time, the student has earned all Title IV funds that he/she was scheduled to receive during the period and, thus, has no unearned funds; however, The School must still perform a Return calculation. If the student earned more aid than was disbursed to him/her, the institution would owe the student a post-withdrawal disbursement which must be paid within 180 days of the DOD.

After a Return calculation has been made and a state/institutional refund policy, if applicable, has been applied, any resulting credit balance (i.e. earned Title IV funds exceed institutional charges) must be paid within 14 days from the date that The School performs the Return calculation and will be paid in one of the following manners:

1. Pay authorized charges at the institution;
2. With the student's permission, reduce the student's Title IV loan debt (not limited to the student's loan debt for the period of enrollment);
3. Return to the student.

Any outstanding student loans that remain are to be repaid by the student according to the terms of the student's promissory notes. If a student earned less aid than was disbursed, The School would be required to return a portion of the funds and the student would be required to return a portion of the funds.

REFUND POLICIES

If a state refund policy can provide a larger refund to the student than The School's Institutional Pro Rata Refund Calculation and Policy, the student will be given the benefit of the refund policy that results in the larger refund to the student.

INSTITUTIONAL PRO RATA REFUND CALCULATION AND POLICY

When a student withdraws, The School must determine how much of the tuition and fees it is eligible to retain. The Pro Rata Refund Calculation and Policy is an institutional policy and is different from the Federal Financial Aid Return Policy and Return calculation; therefore, after both calculations are applied, a student may owe a debit balance (i.e. the student incurred more charges than he/she earned Title IV funds) to The School.

The School will perform a Pro Rata Refund calculation for students who terminate their training before completing the period of enrollment. Under the Pro Rata Refund calculation, The School is entitled to retain only the percentage of charges (tuition, fees, room, board, etc.) proportional to the period of enrollment completed by the student. The period of enrollment completed by the student is calculated by dividing the total number of calendar days in the period of enrollment into the calendar days in the period as of the student's last date of attendance. The period of enrollment for students enrolled in modular programs is the academic year. The period of enrollment for students enrolled in quarter-based programs is the quarter. The refund is calculated using the following steps:

1. Determine the total charges for the period of enrollment.
2. Divide this figure by the total number of calendar days in the period of enrollment.
3. The answer to the calculation in step (2) is the daily charge for instruction.
4. The amount owed by the student for the purposes of calculating a refund is derived by multiplying the total calendar days in the period as of the student's last date of attendance by the daily charge for instruction and adding in any book or equipment charges.
5. The refund shall be any amount in excess of the figure derived in step (4) that was paid by the student.

OHIO REFUND POLICY

State refund policy for programs organized on a credit hour basis:

1. A student who starts class and withdraws during the first full calendar week of the quarter or semester shall be obligated for twenty-five percent of the tuition and refundable fees for that academic term plus the registration fee;
2. A student who withdraws during the second full calendar week of the academic term shall be obligated for fifty percent of the tuition and refundable fees for that period plus the registration fee;
3. A student who withdraws during third full calendar week of the period academic term shall be obligated to seventy percent of the tuition and refundable fees for that period plus the registration fee; or
4. A student who officially withdraws beginning with the fourth full calendar week of the academic terms will not be entitled to a refund of any portion of the tuition or refundable fees.

If it is determined that a student is not due a refund, the student must be notified of the determination in writing, within sixty (60) days of the student's last date of attendance, and a full explanation must be made to the student.

In the case of documented student illness or accident, death in the family, or other circumstances beyond the control of the student, the student shall be entitled to special consideration and the school may settle the account for an amount which is less than that called for by the school's established policy.

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TIMEFRAME WITHIN WHICH INSTITUTION IS TO ISSUE REFUNDS

Refunds will be issued within 30 days of either the date of determination or from the date that the applicant was not accepted by The School, whichever is applicable.

ADDENDUM, effective August 12, 2011: The following ATB Policy has been updated for the school:

CAMPUS ATB PASSING TEST SCORES

- Passing scores on the **CPAt** are Language Usage 45, Reading 45, and Numerical 43.
- Passing scores on the **COMPASS** test are Numerical Skills/Prealgebra 27, Reading 65, and Writing Skills 35.
- Passing scores on the **ASSET** are Reading 36, Writing 35, and Numerical 36.
- Passing scores on the **Wonderlic Basic Skills Test** are: Verbal (205) and Quantitative (215). Students must achieve a passing score on both skill assessments in a single testing session to be considered passing.

Note: Everest will accept test score reports from tests taken at any Everest location or an official Assessment Center.

■ **ADDENDUM, effective August 5, 2011:** Please see the Catalog Supplement for current information related to the faculty listing.

■ **ADDENDUM, effective July 25, 2011.** The following Attendance Policy language has been added to the catalog:

ATTENDANCE POLICY

This policy sets standards that are critical to the student academic success. An instructor may consider a student present who does not attend the entire class session if a) the criteria used to make the determination are stated in the course syllabus and b) the amount of time missed does not exceed 50% of the class session.

■ **ADDENDUM, effective July 1, 2011.** The following Policies have been updated:

OUT OF CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

- Students in degree programs should plan to spend a minimum of up to two hours per day outside of class completing homework assignments as directed by the instructor
- In addition to scheduled classes, students in diploma programs will be expected to complete assigned homework and other out-of-class assignments in order to successfully meet course objectives as set forth in the course/program syllabi

GRADING SYSTEM AND PROGRESS REPORTS

The student's final grade for each course or module is determined by the average of the tests, homework, class participation, special assignments and any other criteria indicated in the grading section of the syllabus for the course or module. Final grades are reported at the completion of each grading term and are provided to each student. If mailed, they are sent to the student's home address. Failed courses must be repeated and are calculated as an attempt in Satisfactory Academic Progress calculations.

Grade	Point Value	Meaning	Percentage Scale
A	4.0	Excellent	100-90
B	3.0	Very Good	89-80
C	2.0	Good	79-70
F or Fail	0.0	Failing	69-0
P or Pass	Not Calculated	Pass (for externship/internship or thesis classes only)	
L	Not Calculated	Leave of Absence (allowed in modular programs only)	
PE	Not Calculated	Pass by Proficiency Exam	
W	Not Calculated	Withdrawal	
WZ	Not Calculated	Withdrawal for those students called to immediate active military duty. This grade indicates that the course will not be calculated for purposes of determining rate of progress	
TR	Not Calculated	Transfer Credit	

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GPA AND CGPA CALCULATIONS

- The Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated for all students. The GPA for each term and Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) are calculated on courses taken in residence at Everest
- The GPA for each term is calculated by dividing the quality point earned that term by the total cumulative credit hour for the GPA.
- The CGPA is calculated by dividing the total cumulative quality point earned by the total cumulative credits attempted for the GPA.
- The number of quality points awarded for each course is determined by multiplying the points listed for each letter grade by the number of credits of the course.
- A grade average percentage is calculated for students receiving percentage grades.
- The GPA equivalent of the calculated average is given in the table above.

STANDARDS OF SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP)

Students must maintain satisfactory academic progress in order to remain eligible as regularly enrolled students and to continue receiving federal financial assistance. The accreditor and federal regulations require that all students progress at a reasonable rate toward the completion of their academic program. Satisfactory academic progress is measured by:

- The student's cumulative grade point average (CGPA)
- The student's rate of progress toward completion (ROP)
- The maximum time frame allowed to complete which is 150% of total number of credits in the program of study (MTF)

EVALUATION PERIODS FOR SAP

Satisfactory academic progress is measured for all students at the end of each grading period (i.e., at the end of each term, module, phase, level, quarter and payment period).

RATE OF PROGRESS TOWARD COMPLETION

The school catalog contains a schedule designating the minimum percentage or amount of work that a student must successfully complete at the end of each evaluation period to complete their educational program within the maximum time frame (150%). Quantitative progress is determined by dividing the number of credit hours earned by the number of credit hours attempted. Credit hours attempted include completed hours, transfer credits, withdrawals, and repeated courses.

MAXIMUM TIME FRAME TO COMPLETE

The maximum time frame for completion of any program is limited by federal regulation to 150% of the published length of the program. A student is not allowed to attempt more than 1.5 times or 150% of the credit hours in the standard length of the program in order to complete the requirements for graduation.

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS TABLES

47 Quarter Credit Hour Program Total credits that may be attempted: 70 (150% of 47).				
Total Credits Attempted	SAP Advising if CGPA is below	SAP Not Met if CGPA is below	SAP Advising if Rate of Progress is Below	SAP Not Met if Rate of Progress is Below
1-18	2.0	N/A	66.66%	N/A
19-24	2.0	0.5	66.66%	25%
25-30	2.0	0.75	66.66%	40%
31-36	2.0	1.0	66.66%	50%
37-42	2.0	1.4	66.66%	60%
43-48	2.0	1.7	66.66%	63%
49-70	N/A	2.0	N/A	66.66%

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APPLICATION OF GRADES AND CREDITS TO SAP

- Grades A through F are included in the calculation of CGPA and are included in the Total Number of Credit Hours Attempted.
- Transfer credits (TR) are not included in the calculation of CGPA but are included in the Total Number of Credit Hours Attempted and Earned in order to determine the required levels for CGPA and rate of progress.
- Courses with grades of P and PE are not included in the CGPA calculation but do count as credit hours successfully completed for the rate of progress calculation.
- For calculating rate of progress, F grades and W grades are counted as hours attempted but are not counted as hours successfully completed.
- When a course is repeated, the higher of the two grades is used in the calculation of CGPA, and the total credit hours for the original course and the repeated course are included in the Total Credit Hours Attempted (in the SAP charts) in order to determine the required rate of progress level. The credit hours for the original attempt are considered as not successfully completed.
- When a student transfers between programs, all attempts of courses common to both programs are included in the CGPA and ROP of the new program.
- Students graduating from one program and continuing on to another will have all successfully completed courses common to both programs included in the SAP calculations of the new program. Courses not in the new program, including grades of W or F, are excluded from all SAP calculations.

ACADEMIC AND FINANCIAL AID WARNING

SAP is evaluated at the end of each term and all students with a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) and/or rate of progress (ROP) below the required academic progress standards as stated in the school's catalog are determined to have not met satisfactory academic progress. Students not meeting SAP and with a previous SAP Not Met status will be issued a Financial Aid Warning and be advised that unless they improve their CGPA and/or rate of progress toward completion, they may be withdrawn from their program and lose eligibility for federal financial aid.

ACADEMIC AND FINANCIAL AID PROBATION

At the end of any evaluation period, when students fall below the required academic progress standards (CGPA and/or ROP) for their program, students shall receive written notification, must complete an appeal and, if approved, will be placed on Academic and Financial Aid (FA) probation. While on FA probation, students must adhere to an Academic Progress Plan. Probation will begin at the start of the next evaluation period. When both the CGPA and ROP are above the probation ranges, students are removed from probation.

During the period of probation, students are considered to be making Satisfactory Academic Progress both for academic and financial aid eligibility. Students on probation must participate in academic advising as a condition of their probation. Academic advising shall be documented on an Academic Progress Plan and shall be kept in the students' academic file.

NOTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC AND FINANCIAL AID PROBATION

The Academic Dean/Director of Education (or designee) must provide written notice of probationary status to all students placed on academic and financial aid probation. The following timelines apply for all students:

- For programs with an Add/Drop period;
 - Students must be notified in writing by the end of the add/drop period of the probationary term; and
 - Must receive academic advising within thirty (30) days from the start date of the probationary term.
- For programs without an Add/Drop period:
 - Students must be notified in writing by the end of the first week of the probationary term (quarter, module and/or phase); and
 - Must receive academic advising by the end of the second week of the probationary term.

ACADEMIC APPEALS

Students who successfully appeal probation are considered to be making SAP and may remain in school under the following conditions:

- It is mathematically possible for the student to complete the program within the maximum time frame with the required CGPA
- The student must be placed on probation and monitored under an Academic Progress Plan
- The student must demonstrate improvement in their CGPA and/or ROP as stated in their Academic Progress Plan at the end of each subsequent evaluation period

Appeals will only be granted for the following reasons:

1. The death of a family member

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2. An illness or injury suffered by the student
3. Special circumstances of an unusual nature which are not likely to recur

Appeals must include a detailed statement of the reason why the student failed to make satisfactory academic progress, and what has changed in the student's situation that will allow the student to demonstrate satisfactory academic progress at the next evaluation period. Examples of documentation needed to appeal Satisfactory Academic Progress may include the following: death certificate, doctor's note, law enforcement report, loss of employment confirmation, etc.

DISMISSAL

Students who have violated Academic and Financial Aid Probation and have been dismissed from a program are not eligible for readmission to that program if the student has exceeded or may exceed the maximum time frame of completion until they reestablish appropriate Satisfactory Academic Progress standing. Students who have reached the maximum time frame for their program must be withdrawn from the program. There is no appeal for this type of withdrawal.

RETAKEING PASSED COURSEWORK

Students may repeat coursework as long as such coursework does not include more than a single repetition of a previously passed course. Each attempt counts in the calculation of the students' rate of progress and successful completion percentages. All repeated courses will appear on the student's transcript, but only the highest grade earned will be included in the calculation of their cumulative grade point average.

RETAKEING FAILED COURSEWORK

For the purpose of improving academic standing and establishing institutional grade point average, students must repeat any failed coursework. Failed courses may be repeated more than twice, so long as repeating the coursework does not jeopardize the students' maximum time frame of completion. Each attempt counts in the calculation of the students' rate of progress and successful completion percentages. All repeated coursework will appear on the student's transcript, but only the highest grade earned will be included in the calculation of their cumulative grade point average.

APPEALS POLICY

Student Academic Appeals Policy

Academic appeals include those appeals related to **Satisfactory Academic Progress violations**, final grades, attendance violations, and academic or financial aid eligibility. In all instances, **with the exception of SAP**, Everest expects that initially every attempt will be made to resolve such disputes informally through discussions by all relevant parties prior to initiating formal appeals.

All formal academic appeals must be submitted in writing on an Academic Appeal Form to the Academic Dean/Director of Education within five (5) calendar days of the date the student has notice of the adverse academic decision:

- Notice of final grades:
 - Modular - the date the grade(s) are mailed from the school
 - Linear - first day of the subsequent term
- Notice of Attendance violation is the date of the violation
- Notice of SAP violation (**FA probation or FA dismissal**)
 - Modular - the date of the **probation/dismissal** letter
 - Linear - first day of the subsequent term

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Appeals

In modular program, SAP appeals must be made within five (5) calendar days of the date the student was notified of the violation. In linear programs, SAP appeals must be made by the sixth (6th) calendar day of the subsequent term.

Provided that the student can complete the program within the maximum time frame with the required minimum CGPA, a SAP appeal may be granted if the student demonstrates that s/he is sincerely committed to taking the steps required to succeed in their program and that their failure to maintain the required CGPA or ROP was caused by any of the following mitigating circumstances:

1. The death of a family member
2. An illness or injury suffered by the student
3. Special circumstances of an unusual nature which are not likely to recur

Note: Examples of documentation needed to appeal Satisfactory Academic Progress may include the following: death certificate, medical doctor's note, law enforcement report, loss of employment confirmation, etc.

Additionally, appeals must include a detailed statement of the reason why the student failed to make Satisfactory Academic Progress, and what has changed in the student's situation that will allow the student to demonstrate Satisfactory Academic Progress at the next evaluation period.

The Appeal Committee shall, as a condition of granting the appeal, require the student to develop an **Academic Progress Plan** in conjunction with the advisor and place the student on **FA** probation.

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■ **ADDENDUM, effective July 1, 2011.** The following state's Attorney General's information has been added to the Student Complaint Procedure section of the catalog.

Office of Ohio Attorney General
Consumer Protection Section
30 E. Broad St., 14th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215
Ph: 614-466-1305
Toll Free in Ohio: 800-282-0515
Fax: 866-268-2279
www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov

■ **ADDENDUM, effective June 1, 2011.** The following ATB Policy has been updated for the school.

ABILITY TO BENEFIT POLICY

- Students who do not have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent may be admitted into certain diploma programs at the school.
- Ability To Benefit (ATB) applicants are required to provide an official score report that meets or exceeds the passing scores as specified in the Campus Administered ATB Testing section below.
- Everest recognizes the benefits of a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent and encourages all ATB students to complete their GED while in school.

Note: The number of students (or re-entry) enrolled under the Ability To Benefit Provision is limited to only certain programs offered. Please check with your admission representative regarding the programs that accept ATB students. The school reserves the right to reject applicants based on test scores and ability to benefit limitations, or as necessary to comply with any applicable local, state or federal laws, statutes or regulations.

CAMPUS ATB PASSING TEST SCORES

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Note: Everest will accept test score reports from tests taken at any Everest location or an official Assessment Center.

ATB ADVISING

Everest has an obligation to provide academic support services necessary for ATB students and to ensure that students will be ready for placement upon completion of their programs.

- All ATB students shall receive academic and career advising after each grading/evaluation period.

DENIAL OF ADMISSION

A student who fails to pass the test in four (4) attempts shall be denied admission and may not reapply to the school until one (1) year has passed since the first taking of the test.

DELAYED ADMISSION

Students who do not enter school following passing the ATB exam will not be required to retake the exam prior to a delayed entry, so long as the passing test result is on file at the institution. Similarly, students who have enrolled and then withdrawn and wish to re-enter will not be required to retake the exam prior to re-entry, if the original passing test result is in the students' academic file.

ABILITY TO BENEFIT POLICY FOR RE-ENTRY STUDENTS

An ATB student who has been out of school less than one year may return to their program of last enrollment. Reentering ATB students will receive academic and career advising after each grading/evaluation period. ATB students who have been out of school more than one year will be treated as a new student and subject to current admission policies.