

**University of Utah  
Differential Tuition at the Graduate Level  
Clinical Programs**

**Need**

- Health Sciences' graduate programs with extensive clinical components are high-cost programs. They typically have low student/faculty ratios, and they are labor intensive, requiring that much time and effort be spent in coordinating and managing the clinical settings.
- Charges for clinical programs in the College of Health, Nursing, and Pharmacy and the School of Medicine at the University of Utah are well below the average for comparable programs at other public universities.

**Plan**

- A tuition surcharge is levied on students in the following graduate programs: clinical dietetics, **communication disorders**, medicine, occupational therapy, pharmacy, and physical therapy. The current surcharge in nursing will be increased. A total of approximately 1000 students will pay the surcharge for clinical programs.
- The surcharge will be administered on a flat-rate basis to resident and non-resident students alike.
- All of the programs that will assess the additional tuition are high demand programs and are unique in the state.
- Students have been consulted regarding the tuition increase and understand the issues. They have been assured that the tuition revenue will remain with the programs in which the revenue is generated and will directly benefit them.
- The additional tuition charge will qualify for Federal student loan programs. In addition, program directors have expressed an intention to use a portion of the revenue for financial aid. The University has adequate room within Title 53 provisions to make tuition waivers available.