TITLE OF POLICY
Tuition Policy for students who are opting to complete an enrichment semester or academic year for research or a slower paced curricular time

PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The purpose of this policy is to delineate circumstances in which students are eligible for reduced tuition in a given semester

RESPONSIBLE PARTY AND REVIEW CYCLE
Student Affairs and UNC CH reviews as needed

LCME REFERENCE(S)
NA

HISTORY OF APPROVALS AND UPDATES
Approved by UNC CH April 2020

DEFINITION(S)

POLICY
Effective AY2021-22 (fall semester) a reduced load is defined as one 6.0 credit hour course with 1/3 tuition and must be approved in advance by the Office of Student Affairs. All other MD students will be assessed full tuition. Flat student fees will be charged at the full rate, regardless of course load.

Students who are opting to complete an enrichment semester or academic year for research or a slower paced curricular time may be eligible for a reduced tuition rate. Student fees will continue to be charged at the full rate, thus allowing students to benefit from student fee-related services. Registration for one 6.0 credit hours MD enrichment course will allow for continuous enrollment for financial aid and student loan deferment eligibility. The SOM will ensure that the only students enrolled for 6.0 credit hours are those authorized to enroll in this designated enrichment course. This option will be available in all semesters of medical school. Students who select this option will not be eligible for non-enrichment related course registrations.

The SOM Office of Student Affairs is responsible for monitoring and confirming reduced-load enrollment eligibility. The SOM Financial Aid Office is responsible for updating financial aid awards based on cost of education changes due to tuition adjustments. Financial aid options will be provided to all MD program students affected by this proposed change. The SOM Financial Aid Office will notify affected students regarding any adjustments.

All students are responsible for the complete payment of all charges on their student account, including tuition and fees. On the infrequent occasion when a student withdraws from the UNC-Chapel Hill MD program, a prorated refund of a portion of tuition and fees may be issued based on the date of the
withdrawal. See the following University Cashier’s Office website regarding the UNC Chapel Hill policy for withdrawals, as well as course drops and related information: https://registrar.unc.edu/academic-services/withdrawals-cancellations/withdrawal-process/impacts-withdrawal/#FinancialImpactWithdrw