College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Nursing DNP/CAGS Programs

Nurse Practitioner APRN Preceptor Benefits Policy

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**1) What is the CNHS APRN Preceptor Benefits Policy?**

The APRN Preceptor Benefits Policy is designed to recognize and thank APRN preceptors for their contribution to our nurse practitioner students’ clinical education experiences. The policy includes several benefits. APRN preceptors may avail themselves of all or some of these benefits. Please see the [Benefits Policy](https://www.umassd.edu/nursing/graduate-programs/aprn-preceptor-benefits/) for the list.

**2) Who is the contact person if I have questions about the APRN Preceptor Benefits Policy?**

Questions may be directed to the DNP Graduate Program Director at [savery@umassd.edu](mailto:savery@umassd.edu) and/or to the Graduate Program Administrative Assistant at [dhoffman@umassd.edu](mailto:dhoffman@umassd.edu).

**3) Is a tuition waiver offered and what expenses does the tuition waiver cover?**

The CNHS offers APRNs precepting in our DNP or CAGS tracks a tuition waiver, for approved courses, which covers the cost of the 3-credit course tuition. There are other expenses associated with the course that are not covered by the waiver. Please see the university tuition and fees web page <https://www.umassd.edu/graduate/tuition-fees/> for details.

**4) How many hours of preceptorship are required to earn a tuition waiver?**

Every 250 hours of preceptorship earns one 3-credit tuition waiver.

**5) What are the post-master program offerings that accept tuition waivers?**

The tuition waiver may be used for the following program offerings:

Post MS DNP (<https://www.umassd.edu/programs/nursing-dnp/>);

Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (<https://www.umassd.edu/programs/psychiatric-mental-health-np-cags-online/>);

Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study [(Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Certificate Advanced Graduate Study (CAGS)](https://umassd-my.sharepoint.com/personal/kchristopher_umassd_edu/Documents/Migrated%20UDrive/AA_PIN%20DRIVE%20MAT._%20AS%20OF%204_4_2022/Policies/Policies%20as%20of%20June%202022/NP%20Wavier%20Policy/Revised%20FAQs%20APRN%20Benefits_8.22.23.docx);

PhD in Nursing program (<https://www.umassd.edu/programs/nursing-phd/>)

**6) How do I use the tuition waiver in a 4-credit course?**

You could use one waiver to cover the costs of 3 tuition credits and pay out of pocket for the additional credit.

Alternatively, you could use two waivers; however, please note the waivers cannot be prorated or split to cover the final credit.

**7) May I continue in a preceptor role, while enrolled in a course?**

Yes, you may continue to precept and continue to receive tuition waivers per the policy.

**8) Is there a time limit to use the waiver?**

The waivers should be used within 3 years of earning them.

**9) What happens if I do not need or want the tuition waiver?**

We hope you will take advantage of the other [benefits](https://www.umassd.edu/nursing/graduate-programs/aprn-preceptor-benefits/) if you do not need or want the tuition waiver.

You may bank your waiver for 3 years, in case you decide to use it in the future.

**10) May I give my tuition waiver to another person?**

No, you are not able to give your waiver to someone else. The APRN who earns the waiver is the only person who may use it.

**11) How will I receive information about the Annual UMassD Preceptor Appreciation Dinner?**

An invitation will be sent to all preceptors via email.

**12) What does UMassD Library Access include?**

You may use the campus library during regularly scheduled hours. To use the computers, go to the Circulation Desk, present a photo ID and request a Day Pass.

For remote access, please contact the Graduate Administrative Assistant Ms. Deanna Hoffman during business hours at [dhoffman@umassd.edu](mailto:dhoffman@umassd.edu) and she will assist you.

**13) How do I get on the electronic mailing list for the UMassD College of Nursing and Health Sciences Newsletter?**

We will add your email to the mailing list.

**14) How may I learn more about the partial reimbursement for attendance at the Massachusetts Coalition of Nurse Practitioners New England Regional Spring Conference?**

The College will provide partial registration support for up to 10 preceptors/per year on a “first come” basis. Preceptors will need to contact the Graduate Administrative Assistant at [dhoffman@umassd.edu](mailto:dhoffman@umassd.edu) and request partial registration support and any other details related to this benefit.