Procedure 3.2102

Senior Citizen Audit Procedure

Section 10.12(a) Chapter 115B of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

§ 115B-2.2 Senior citizens may audit classes.
Any person who is at least 65 years old may audit courses offered at the constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina and the community colleges without payment of any required registration fee or tuition for the audit provided the audit is approved in accordance with policies adopted by the Board of Governors and the State Board of Community Colleges for their respective institutions, and there is no cost to the State. A person shall be allowed to audit a class under this section only on a space available basis. Persons auditing classes under this section shall not be counted in the computation of enrollment for funding purposes. This section does not apply to audits of courses provided on a self-supporting basis by community colleges.

As referenced in the above language and 1D SBCCC 1000.2, senior citizens, age 65 years old or older, may audit BCCC courses with the following considerations:

1. No charge for tuition or registration fees. Senior Citizens may be charged local fees associated with course sections.
2. Enrollment in a course is dependent on space availability. Senior Citizens wishing to audit a class may not displace a paying student. Senior Citizens seeking to register for a class should contact the Registrar for curriculum courses or the Continuing Education Registration and Records Clerk for continuing education courses. The staff member will add the senior citizen to a standby list. Once it is determined that a course has met the Class Size and Enrollment Requirement, the college will reach out to individuals on the standby list to begin the registration process. The Senior Citizen will need to pay any applicable local course fees at the time of registration.
3. Self-support courses are not eligible, including any Continuing Education Personal Enrichment courses.
4. Any courses with a clinical component are not eligible. Under the definition of an audit, student's didactic skills are not assessed during the class; therefore, the College has no way of authenticating a student possesses the skills necessary to successfully function in the clinical environment.
5. Any course prerequisite documentation must be presented at the time of registration.
6. Senior citizens auditing classes will not receive a grade, academic credit, continuing education units, or a certificate of completion. An audit indicates attendance only and is not an indication of successful completion or passing a course section. As a result, senior citizens auditing classes will not be allowed to sit for any aligned certification or licensing exams. Examples include notary, EMT, NCCER, Nurse Aide I, etc.

References

Legal References: *§115B-2.2, 1D SBCCC 1000.2, 1E SBCCC 100.1, 1E SBCCC 1000.1, 1E SBCCC 1000.2*

Cross References:
Class Size and Enrollment Policy
Class Size and Enrollment Procedure

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