Chapter 12 – Education, Training, and Development Appendix 12-A Career-Related vs. Employer-Required Tuition Reimbursement: Comparisons

	Career-Related	Employer-Required
Definition	Refer to applicable definition on the chart entitled "Requirements for UW-Madison Employee Career-Related Tuition Reimbursement. (CPO- Appendix 12-B)	Course/training that is required or directed by employer and is essential for job performance in current position.
	Courses must be taken for credit or certification.	Classes do not have to be taken for credit.
Eligibility	Classified staff must have at least a 50% permanent or project appointment. Under this policy limited term employees, employees in training and student help are not eligible.	Determined by employing unit.
Application Procedure	Employee must complete the request form and obtain appropriate approvals prior to the beginning of the course/training. Form is then submitted for approval to Classified Human Resources (CHR) prior to employee attending the course/training and returned to the department for processing when course/training is completed. The prior approved form and proof of successful completion of work is then submitted to Business Services (pre-audit) for reimbursement to the employee for tuition only.	 When employer ascertains that course/training is necessary in updating the skills as part of employment, a requisition (internal or external) must be completed and forwarded to Business Services for processing. The requisition must be completed before participation in training.
Approvals Required	 Prior approval by: Supervisor Department/Dean and CHR Approval is "tentative" and only final after all approvals are acquired. 	Prior approval by supervisor and department before required training begins. Approval is "tentative" and only final after all approvals are acquired
Tuition/fees	Refer to CPO-Appendix 12-B for a list of contracts that require reimbursement of tuition only or tuition plus fees. (See Application procedure above.) Employees must pay the tuition (and fees if the applicable contract requires fee reimbursement). Reimbursement will be made upon successful completion of the course.	Employer pays all required training costs through requisition prior to the beginning of the course/training.
Reimbursable Amount	Refer to applicable section on the Requirement Summary Chart (<u>CPO-Appendix 12-B</u>); see columns "Percentage of Reimbursement" and "Funding Restrictions."	Employer pays 100% of costs.
Course Limitations	Non-represented classified staff may take a course per semester up to 5 credits. For represented classified staff, refer to Requirement Summary Chart (<u>Appendix 12-B</u>) for applicable bargaining unit.	Such courses required as part of employment should not be for personal enrichment. For represented employees, refer to applicable union contract.

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