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Currently, PCC provides a discount of up to 50% of the respective regular tuition rate to all students who are at least 62 years old. However, these students can pre-register just like any other tuition paying students.

In order for PCC to comply with HB 2011, staff has explored various options. After careful review and consideration of all implications, including customer service and registration process, staff recommends the following policy for the students who are at least 62 years of age:

Credit Courses: Replace current adult tuition discount up to 50% for students who are at least 62 years of age with senior tuition waiver for credit courses on a space available basis.

Non-Credit Courses: Retain current policy of tuition discount up to 50% for students who are at least 62 years of age for non-credit courses

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Non-Credit Courses: Retain current policy of tuition discount up to 50% for students who are at least 62 years old for non-credit courses

RECOMMENDATION: That the following tuition rates for credit courses become effective Fall term, 2010:

For Students who are at least 62 years of age:

1. Credit Courses:

Students at least 62 years of age are eligible for 100% tuition waiver on a space available basis when taking classes for an audit grade but are required to pay any fees associated with credit courses they enroll in.

2. Non-Credit Courses – No change

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For Students who are at least 62 years of age:

1. Credit Courses:

These students are eligible for 100% tuition waiver on a space available basis when taking courses for an audit grade. These students are still responsible to pay for the fees associated with the courses they are enrolled in.

2. Non-Credit Courses – No change