Tuition is used as a means to transfer a portion of the costs of education to the user. Tuition revenue is intended to cover the student share of the instructional and facilities costs of normal classes taught in standard classrooms. Tuition rates are established by the Board of Education of Clackamas Community College for all classes offered by the College.

The general student fee provides the student's share of the cost for non-course related services available to the general college community, such as athletics, technology, student government, and co-curricular programs. General student fee rates are established by the Board of Education of Clackamas Community College.

Other fees are charged to transfer some of the direct costs of instruction and instructional support services to students rather than raising tuition for all. Fees are justified when the student receives an "extra value" not received in another class charging tuition, or when there are additional costs related to instruction for that class or activity.

Course fees cover the costs beyond the normal classroom to ensure a competitive and quality program.

Service fees are paid by the student or other users for services beyond the normal registration and payment process.

Special program fees are designed to recover costs of a workshop, class, or activity targeted to a specific market segment or special population or controlled by third party contract.

Course, service, and special programs fees will be budgeted in a separate fund by division and department. New course and service fees are reviewed and approved by Instructional Council and President's Council. A summary recommendation on fees is presented to the Board of Education. The Board of Education approves all fee accounts as a part of the annual budget adoption process.