# Vocational Rehabilitation Services Manual C-400: Training Services

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## C-409: Maximum Payment for Training at a College or University

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### C-409-3: Private or Out-of-State Training Institutions: Two-Year College

VR staff verifies that the private or out-of-state training institution is an established two-year college by finding its classification on the [College for all Texans—Institutions of Higher Education](http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/apps/degreeprograms/) website. Staff must verify private or out-of-state institutions by finding the school’s classification through the school’s website.  
  
Exceptions to the limitations for tuition and fees require justification and approval by the VR Supervisor. For additional information, refer to[D-200: Purchasing Goods and Services](https://twc.texas.gov/vr-services-manual/vrsm-d-200). For customers who are eligible for SSI/SSDI because of a disability, refer to [C-406-2: Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Income Recipients](https://twc.texas.gov/vr-services-manual/vrsm-c-400#c406-2).  
  
As of July 2023, VR pays the maximum rate of $133 per semester hour, which includes the amount of tuition and fees at a two-year private or out-of-state college.  
  
VR pays a maximum of $3,990 per year for certificate training at a two-year college that is not on a semester hour schedule. (The maximum amount for a college or university certificate program is based on established tuition and fee rates for enrollment in 15 credit hours for both the fall and spring semesters.)  
  
These rates are based on one standard deviation above the average 2023-2024 college costs of tuition and fees found on the [College for All Texans](http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/index.cfm?objectid=63188B97-0C47-0020-6DBBBAD96A7DFB83)—Institutions of Higher Education website. VR reviews these rates annually in July.

### C-409-4: Private or Out-of-State Training Institutions: Four-Year College or University

VR staff verifies that the private or out-of-state training institution is an established four-year college or university by finding its classification on the [College for all Texans—Institutions of Higher Education](http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/apps/degreeprograms/) website. Staff must verify private or out-of-state institutions by finding the school’s classification through the school’s website.  
  
As of July 2023, VR pays the maximum amount of $398 per semester hour, which includes the amount of tuition and fees at a four-year private or out-of-state university.  
  
Exceptions to the limitations for tuition and fees require justification and approval by the VR Supervisor. For additional information refer to [D-200: Purchasing Goods and Services](https://twc.texas.gov/vr-services-manual/vrsm-d-200). For customers who are eligible for SSI/SSDI because of a disability refer to [C-406-2: Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Income Recipients](https://twc.texas.gov/vr-services-manual/vrsm-c-400#c406-2).  
  
VR pays a maximum of $11,940 per year for certificate training at a four-year college or university that is not on a semester hour schedule. (The maximum amount for certificate programs through a college or university is based on established tuition and fee rates for enrollment in 15 credit hours for both the fall and spring semesters.)  
  
These rates are based on one standard deviation above the average 2023-2024 college costs of tuition and fees found on the [College for All Texans—Institutions of Higher Education](http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/index.cfm?objectid=63188B97-0C47-0020-6DBBBAD96A7DFB83) website. VR reviews these rates annually in July.

### C-409-5: Private or Out-of-State Training Institutions: Technical and State College

VR staff verifies that the private or out-of-state training institution is an established technical or state college by finding its classification on the [College for all Texans— Institutions of Higher Education](http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/apps/degreeprograms/) website. Staff must verify private or out-of-state institutions by finding the school’s classification through the school’s website.  
  
Exceptions to the limitations for tuition and fees require justification and approval by the VR Supervisor. For additional information, refer to[D-200: Purchasing Goods and Services](https://twc.texas.gov/vr-services-manual/vrsm-d-200). For customers who are eligible for SSI/SSDI because of a disability, refer to [C-406-2: Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Income Recipients](https://twc.texas.gov/vr-services-manual/vrsm-c-400#c406-2).  
  
As of July 2023, VR pays the maximum amount of $123 per semester hour for training at a state college and $240 per semester hour for training at a technical college, which includes the amount of tuition and fees at a private or out-of-state technical or state college.  
  
VR pays a maximum of $3,690 per year for certificate training at a state college that is not on a semester hour schedule and $7,200 per year for certificate training at a technical college that is not on a semester hour schedule. (The maximum amount for a college or university certificate program is based on established tuition and fee rates for enrollment in 15 credit hours for both the fall and spring semesters.)  
  
These rates are based on one standard deviation above the average 2023-2024 college costs of tuition and fees found on the [College for All Texans](http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/index.cfm?objectid=63188B97-0C47-0020-6DBBBAD96A7DFB83) website. VR reviews these rates annually in July.

### C-409-6: Private or Out-of-State Health-Related Institutions

VR staff verifies that the private or out-of-state training institution is an established health-related institution by finding its classification on the [College for all Texans—Institutions of Higher Education](http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/apps/degreeprograms/) website. Staff must verify private or out-of-state institutions by finding the school’s classification through the school’s website.  
  
Exceptions to the limitations for tuition and fees require justification and approval by the VR Supervisor. For additional information, refer to [D-200: Purchasing Goods and Services](https://twc.texas.gov/vr-services-manual/vrsm-d-200). For customers who are eligible for SSI/SSDI because of a disability, refer to [C-406-2: Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Income Recipients](https://twc.texas.gov/vr-services-manual/vrsm-c-400#c406-2).  
  
As of July 2023, VR pays the maximum amount of $438 per semester hour, which includes the amount of tuition and fees at a private or out-of-state health-related institution.  
  
VR pays a maximum of $13,140 per year for certificate training at a private or out-of-state health-related institution that is not on a semester hour schedule. (The maximum amount for a college or university certificate program is based on established tuition and fee rates for customers enrolled in 15 credit hours for both the fall and spring semesters.)  
  
These rates are based on one standard deviation above the average 2023-2024 college costs of tuition and fees found on the [College for All Texans—Institutions of Higher Education](http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/index.cfm?objectid=63188B97-0C47-0020-6DBBBAD96A7DFB83) website. VR reviews these rates annually in July.

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## C-412: Maximum Payment for Training at a Proprietary Institution

VR staff verifies that the institution is licensed or certified by TWC on the [Licensed Career Schools and Colleges Directory](https://apps.twc.texas.gov/CSC/directory/search.do) website; the [Eligible Training Provider System](https://twc.texas.gov/partners/eligible-training-providers) website; or another regulatory agency website, such as the [Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation](https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/LicenseSearch/), before including the training on the IPE.

The maximum amount VR can pay for tuition and fees combined for full-time enrollment at a proprietary institution, after comparable benefits and BLR is applied, is the lesser of:

* $133 per semester hour; or
* $3,990 per year.

As of July 2023, these rates are based on one standard deviation above the averages from College for All Texans public training institutions two-year community college (college cost 2023-2024) average of tuition and fees.

Exceptions to the limitations for tuition and fees require justification, consultation with the State Office Program Specialist for Re-Entry, Work Experience & Proprietary Schools, and approval by the VR Supervisor. For additional information, refer to [D:200: Purchasing Goods and Services](https://twc.texas.gov/vr-services-manual/vrsm-d-200). For customers who are eligible for SSI/SSDI because of a disability, refer to [C-406-2: Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Income Recipients](https://twc.texas.gov/vr-services-manual/vrsm-c-400#c406-2).

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