

# Education benefits

## Frequently Asked Questions

Professional development can help you do so much more – whether you want to enhance your current job performance, explore new career opportunities at Sweetwater Union High School District, or make an impact on your students and career.

Sweetwater Union High School District and University of Phoenix® are supporting driven adults like you, who need the flexibility to go to school when the rest of the world goes home. Now you can save 10% on the cost of tuition for an associate, bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree, as well as certificate programs, non-credit professional development, and individual courses.

Visit [phoenix.edu/sweetwateruhsd](https://phoenix.edu/sweetwateruhsd) to learn more about your education benefits.

### Q. Is University of Phoenix an online university only?

**A.** No. Many people think of us as an online University only, but our on-campus programs are a major part of our offerings. Your education, and the way you learn, is important. That's why you have the choice to attend classes online or at one of our campuses and learning centers throughout the country\*. Either way, you'll still receive the same high-quality education.

### Q. What type of programs does the University offer?

**A.** We offer degree programs from the associate to doctoral level in a range of high-demand fields, including business, education, nursing and technology. We also offer non-credit professional development and continuing education courses – each designed in collaboration with academic and industry professionals to ensure quality, relevance and rigor.

### Q. Are Continuing Education For Teachers courses offered?

**A.** Yes. The University offers courses directed by your College of Education faculty – experienced P-12 educators who hold master's and doctoral degrees. These courses let you earn the credits you need for potential recertification, endorsements or professional growth. For a current course schedule, please visit: [phoenix.edu/cet](https://phoenix.edu/cet) or [phoenix.edu/sweetwateruhsd](https://phoenix.edu/sweetwateruhsd).

### Q. How long does it take to complete a degree?

**A.** The amount of time a student needs to complete his or her degree is dependent upon various factors specific to the individual, including any transfer credits, number of credits required for the degree, progression rate and more. Your Enrollment Representative will be able to offer you a more accurate estimate of the time required to complete a specific degree program.

### Q. What financial options are available to me?

**A.** As part of the commitment Sweetwater Union High School District has made to workforce development, you're eligible for a special 10% tuition reduction when enrolling in any degree program, certificate program or continuing education course at University of Phoenix.

### Q. What is Direct Bill and am I eligible for it?

**A.** Through the Direct Bill option, University of Phoenix will invoice Sweetwater Union High School District directly for your tuition in accordance with internal tuition assistance policies. Your benefits with the Direct Bill payment option are:

**Reduced up-front/out-of-pocket cost.** This also means less financial aid burden, as payment for tuition is deferred until the end of your course.

**Reduced administrative work.** The University will submit your course information and grades directly via the invoice to your employer.

**A centralized Graduation Team.** Your team understands the ins and out of utilizing the Direct Bill payment option.

**A possible additional tuition reduction.** Simply for utilizing Direct Bill, you could be eligible for an additional reduction that will continue to apply to all tuition costs, even after tuition assistance dollars have been exhausted with your employer.

To learn if your school is eligible for Direct Bill, contact your employee benefits representative. Once you're approved for tuition assistance, please contact your assigned University Finance Representative, who will walk you through the process of taking advantage of the Direct Bill benefit.

### Q. Are the same benefits available to me if I'm already enrolled?

**A.** Absolutely! If you're currently a University of Phoenix student, you can easily identify yourself using the eCampus site. To receive the tuition reduction, log in to eCampus, select the Account tab, and click on the Employer/Tribal Benefits Program link. Then select Sweetwater Union High School District and answer the questions.

## About University of Phoenix

In a rapidly changing world, career mobility isn't optional — it's essential. For more than 40 years, University of Phoenix has helped working adults grow personally and professionally with flexible schedules, relevant coursework and interactive learning. We serve a diverse student population, offering associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs at campuses and learning centers across the U.S. as well as online throughout the world. For more information, visit [www.phoenix.edu](http://www.phoenix.edu).

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University of Phoenix is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (<http://hlcommission.org>). Since 1978, University of Phoenix has been continually accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and its predecessor. University of Phoenix obtained its most recent 10-year Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2012–13. A comprehensive evaluation is scheduled for 2016–17, and the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation is scheduled for 2022–23. For more information about University of Phoenix accreditations and licensures, please visit [http://www.phoenix.edu/about\\_us/accreditation.html](http://www.phoenix.edu/about_us/accreditation.html).