



Executive MBA/MS in Healthcare Leadership Textbook Fee

This is an important message regarding how you receive textbooks for classes in the Executive MBA/MS in Healthcare Leadership program.

The U.S. Department of Education recently issued a regulation that requires programs which offer Title IV federal financial aid (includes Pell Grants, Direct Plus Loans, and Perkins Loans), and which bundle the cost of textbooks and course materials into the all-inclusive tuition amount, to offer students the ability to acquire publicly available textbooks and course materials on their own rather than have them provided by the Program.

In order to comply with the regulation, the Program is providing you with the option to “opt out” and obtain certain of your own textbooks. Other textbooks, course packets, and all other course materials are not publicly available. Therefore, the costs for those books and course materials will continue to be included in the all-inclusive tuition amount and be provided by the Program.

You will need to decide whether you would like the Program to continue providing the textbooks that are publicly available or whether you will assume responsibility for acquiring them on your own. The choice you make will be for the duration of the Program, not on a course-by-course basis.

If you would like the Program to provide you with these textbooks, the existing process will not change. The Program will continue to deliver them on Class Weekends or ship them to you. If you decide to opt out, you will be responsible for obtaining the required textbook(s) for your courses. Program staff will provide you with details in a separate communication.

Opting out will result in a reduction of \$365 on each bill you receive.

As part of the compliance process with the federal regulation, the format of all future bills (regardless of whether you continue to receive textbooks from the Program or opt to acquire your own) will change. It will include two lines: one for tuition and another for textbooks. The textbook fee will cover the cost of publicly available textbooks. If you choose to opt-out, you will not see the textbook line item on your bill.

There are several important considerations to keep in mind as you are making this decision:

- If you opt out and wish to acquire books on your own, you are responsible for obtaining the correct version or edition of the textbook according to the deadline established by the professor; it will be your responsibility to use the textbook per the course syllabus and be prepared for class sessions, quizzes, exams, and all other course deliverables
- If you opt out, you will not be able to take advantage of any price discounts that Cornell may be able to access
- If you opt out, your actual out-of-pocket costs for textbooks may be higher or lower than the amount of the fee that will be separated from the all-inclusive tuition amount
- To reiterate, if you opt out, you are doing so for the duration of the Program; you will not be permitted to opt in at a later date.

Please select one of the following options and then sign and date below:

- I wish to opt out and acquire books on my own.
- I do not wish to opt out, and will continue to receive publicly available textbooks from the Program.

Student signature

Date

Return this form to Allie Krech, Program Manager by June 1. The form can be scanned and e-mailed to alk2054@med.cornell.edu. You may contact Allie with questions via e-mail or at 646-962-8002.