

About the Alliance

What is the Federal Academic Alliance?

Pace University partners with the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to offer **exclusive tuition discounts** to eligible Federal employees across the country. This alliance recognizes and supports the ongoing professional development of the Federal workforce—nationwide.

Tuition Discounts

How much is the discount for Federal employees?

- **Undergraduate Programs:** 15% off online tuition (already approx. 50% less than on-campus part-time tuition)
- **Graduate Programs:** 15% off the standard on-campus graduate tuition rate

These discounts apply only to programs listed on the [Pace Federal Alliance Portal](#).

Does this discount apply to all Pace University programs?

No. The discount is only available for **select fully online undergraduate and graduate programs** featured on the [Federal Alliance Portal](#).

Why aren't campus-based programs included in the discount?

The Alliance is designed specifically to support **online learners**—making flexible, remote education more accessible to Federal employees nationwide. On-campus programs are not included in the tuition discount at this time.

Eligibility & Application Process

Who is eligible for the Federal employee tuition discount?

All active Federal employees are eligible to apply.

How do I get started?

Visit the [Pace Federal Alliance Portal](#) to:

- Browse eligible programs
- Review admissions criteria
- See tuition details
- Start your application

How do I verify my Federal employment status?


After admission, submit a recent **Federal Leave and Earnings Statement** to:

 **Paceonlineadm@pace.edu**

What if I need help with the application?

We're here to help!

 **Paceonlineadm@pace.edu**


 **914-923-2835**

Academic Support & Curriculum Collaboration

Can Federal SMEs (Subject Matter Experts) contribute to curriculum development?

Yes! Federal SMEs can work with Pace curriculum developers to bring a public sector perspective into course content.


Contact:

 **Dr. Nancy Hale** – Executive Director, Pace Online
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Agency & HR Involvement

Can Pace train Federal HR officials to share this opportunity with employees?

Yes! If your agency would like to collaborate on training or outreach, contact:

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Financial Aid & Loan Programs

Can I apply for Federal financial aid?

Yes! Pace Online students can apply for:

- **Federal Direct Stafford Loans** (subsidized/unsubsidized)
- **Pell Grants**

Pace FAFSA Code: 002791

Pace also proudly participates in the **Yellow Ribbon Program** for veterans.

What is the Federal Student Loan Repayment Program (FSLRP)?

FSLRP allows agencies to repay student loans as an incentive for recruitment or retention. This is managed by each **individual Federal agency**.

 [More info from OPM](#)

What is Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF)?

PSLF forgives remaining Direct Loan balances after 120 qualifying payments while employed full-time in public service.

 [Learn about PSLF](#)

Transfer Credits

Can I transfer previous college credits to Pace Online?

Yes! Pace offers a generous and flexible transfer policy:

- **Up to 68 credits** from a two-year institution
- **Up to 90 credits** from a four-year institution

We typically accept:

- Courses with a grade of **C (2.0) or higher**
- Credits earned from exams like **CLEP**

Each applicant's transfer evaluation is done individually and typically takes **2–3 weeks** after official transcripts are received.

How can I check if my courses will transfer?

Use our Transfer Credit Equivalency Tool for a quick preview. Final decisions are made in consultation with your program chair.

Online vs. On-Campus Programs

Are both online and in-person programs included in the Alliance?

No. The Federal Academic Alliance applies only to **select, fully online programs**. On-campus or hybrid courses are not eligible for this benefit.

Understanding Degree & Tuition Assistance Programs


What's the difference between an academic degree program and a tuition assistance program?

Academic Degree Program

- Part of an agency's strategic development plan
- Requires a **competitive selection process**
- Governed by **5 U.S.C 4107**

Tuition Assistance Program

- Pays for **individual courses or classes**
- Does **not require a competitive process**
- Governed by **5 U.S.C 4101(4)**

 Learn more on pages 17–21 of the OPM Training Policy Handbook.

Still Have Questions?

We're here to help Federal employees every step of the way.

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