

UNITED STATES OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT Washington, DC 20415

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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF HUMAN CAPITAL OFFICERS

FROM: BETH F. COBERT, ACTING DIRECTOR

Subject: Penn State World Campus Agreement Offers Federal Employees, their

Spouses and Legal Dependents Reduced Tuition Rates to Pursue Post-

Secondary Education

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) mission is to recruit, retain and honor a world-class workforce to serve the American people. OPM and Penn State World Campus have entered into an agreement as part of OPM's continued effort to close skills gaps, increase Federal employees' access to high-quality, affordable educational resources, and further develop and sustain the Federal workforce.

The agreement provides a five percent tuition reduction on competitive Penn State World Campus tuition rates, with no program exclusions or out-of-state rates to Federal employees, their spouses and legal dependents. The benefit takes effect immediately.

Penn State World Campus, which has been offering programs online since 1998, has a portfolio of more than 125 undergraduate and graduate degrees and certificates. The portfolio includes programs that address the Federal Government's mission-critical occupation skills in the areas of Cybersecurity, Acquisition, Human Resources, Auditing, Economics, and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

For more information about online programs and admissions, visit http://worldcampus.psu.edu/federal-government. For additional information, please contact OPM's Learning and Development Team via email at learninganddevelopment@opm.gov or Penn State World Campus at 814-863-5386 or via email at mwertz@psu.edu and drubio@psu.edu.

Attachments: Penn State Federal Alliance FAQs for <u>Agency Training Officers</u> and <u>Prospective Students</u>.

cc: Deputy Chief Human Capital Officers, Human Resources and Equal Employment Opportunity Directors, Headquarters and Field Office Training Officers, Chief Learning Officers, and Benefits Officers