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## ONLINE COURSE DEVELOPMENT STIPEND POLICY

- A. Effective July 1, 2008, the Office of Extended Learning will commit at least \$40,000 per fiscal year to fund course development stipends for faculty.
1. Stipends will be allocated at \$675 per credit hour for courses delivered 100 percent online. Faculty may receive stipends for more than one course.
  2. The priority for granting stipends will be:
    - a. Physical Therapy Department programs that won the 2007 online program competition:
      - Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy (t-DPT)
      - Transitional Clinical Doctor of Physical Therapy (tc-DPT, with tracks in orthopedics, neurology, cardiovascular and pulmonary, geriatrics and pediatrics)
      - Clinical Physical Therapy Certificates (orthopedics, neurology, cardiovascular and pulmonary, geriatrics and pediatrics)
    - b. Courses that apply toward a fully online program, either existing or which the department has committed to complete by the end of academic year.
  3. The Office of Extended Learning will issue a call each year for applications to be submitted by a specific due date for first-round approval.
  4. Applications received after the due date will be considered after the first round has been completed and will be prioritized according to their applicability to fulfilling an online degree.
  5. Stipends will be awarded according to priority, date received, and availability of monies until the stipend fund has been depleted.
  6. Additional funds may be available for software and technology to support the development of online labs.
- B. To maximize the value of this UM-Flint investment, OEL will abide by the following eligibility requirements.
1. Department chairs must agree to the development of the course and commit to scheduling the course at least once a year for three consecutive years.
  2. **Stipend requests must be approved in advance** by the department chairperson and dean.
  3. Unless waived by OEL, the instructor agrees to participate in the Intensive Course Design series provided by OEL (provided free and regularly scheduled for faculty convenience).
  4. To receive compensation, the instructor must have 50 percent of the course created and approved by the director of the Office of Extended Learning.
  5. Compensation will be processed as a one-time salary adjustment during the first semester the course is offered.