

Important Information about PHEAA's Distance Learning Policy

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency ([PHEAA](#)) has a distance learning policy for its Pennsylvania State Grant program.

The policy can impact Gannon students in two ways:

1. Undergraduate students enrolled in an online program of study are ineligible for PHEAA state grants. Gannon's online distance education RN-BSN program is a non-eligible program.
2. For students enrolled in all other programs of study: If you take more than 50% of your credits as distance learning you are ineligible for PHEAA Grants. As of the Summer 2013 Semester, PHEAA's Distance Learning policy requires colleges to measure the percent of credits that students enroll in on a **semester basis**. (Previously, the College calculated distance learning credits on a program basis.) At least 50% of a student's credits each semester must be 'in the classroom' to remain eligible for a PHEAA Grant, assuming all other eligibility requirements are met. Only undergraduate degree seeking students are eligible for a PHEAA state grant.

Semester examples

	Classroom Credits	Distance Credits	Eligible for PHEAA?
<i>Student 1</i>	7	7	Yes
<i>Student 2</i>	8	7	Yes
<i>Student 3</i>	7	8	No

3. Remedial and developmental credits **cannot** be used toward the calculation.

Hybrid Courses

Hybrid courses combine both classroom and online instruction. As long as a hybrid course consists of 50% or more **classroom** instruction, it is considered (by PHEAA) as a classroom course. Hybrid courses that consist of more than 50% distance learning instruction are considered online. At this time Gannon does not offer hybrid courses at the undergraduate level.

PHEAA's Distance Education Pilot (DE) Program

Gannon does not participate in the PHEAA Distance Education Pilot Program. Therefore, students with more online credits than classroom credits in any one semester would not be eligible for a PHEAA state grant for that semester.

If you have questions about PHEAA's Distance Learning policy and/or how it might impact your eligibility for PHEAA Grants, contact Gannon's Financial Aid Office at financialaid@gannon.edu