

# Woods Educational Benefits

## Professional Development

**Woods is invested in the professional and personal growth of its employees.** With this goal in mind, Woods has developed career paths in six professional areas to highlight the advancement opportunities at Woods. In addition to the initial and ongoing training provided by the Woods Employee Education and Development Center, Woods offers several education benefits.

**250 staff members have taken advantage of the many education benefits we provide!**

## Educational Support Programs

**Woods encourages the growth and professional development of employees through educational advancement.** Employees are eligible for discounted tuition rates and convenient onsite educational cohort programs through several educational institutions including Harcum College, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Capella University, Drexel University, Saint Joseph's University, and Rider University. Additionally, Woods offers a Tuition Assistance Plan of up to \$2,000 per year and a Student Loan Payment Program.

## Student Loan Payment Program

**Woods enhanced its tuition reimbursement program to include payment assistance for eligible full-time employees who are paying off student loans.** Each year Woods will earmark funds out of its budget to pay for this benefit and therefore the disbursement amounts depend upon the availability of funds and the number of recipients. This benefit will be paid directly to the financial institution.

## Accelerated Associates Degree Program in Human Services and Master of Science Degree in Non-profit Leadership and Population Health Management

**Through partnerships with Harcum College and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM), Woods offers two on-site, highly discounted degree cohort programs.** The Harcum accelerated Associates Degree Program in Human Services and the PCOM accelerated Master of Science Degree Program in Non-profit Leadership and Population Health Management are offered at a fraction of the school's tuition fees and are offered in the evenings and on weekends at Woods.

For information on any of these opportunities and programs, please contact Valerie Durden at [Valerie.Durden@woods.org](mailto:Valerie.Durden@woods.org) or **215.750.4234**.

