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### **Massachusetts residents eligible for New England Board of Higher Education's Tuition Break for 250 degree programs offered out-of-state**

The New England Board of Higher Education's Tuition Break, the Regional Student Program (RSP), provides a discount on out-of-state tuition to Massachusetts residents when they enroll in an approved degree programs at specific state colleges and universities in Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island or Vermont. Massachusetts residents are eligible for these degree programs, because Massachusetts' public colleges and universities do not offer them.

During the 2007-2008 academic year, more than 2,000 Massachusetts residents were enrolled out-of-state through the RSP Tuition Break; each Massachusetts participant saved an average of \$7,200 last year, if enrolled full time.

A total of 250 degree programs are approved under the RSP Tuition Break for Massachusetts residents. Details are available online at [www.nebhe.org/tuitionbreak](http://www.nebhe.org/tuitionbreak), where Massachusetts residents can search the RSP Tuition Break Database for approved majors by degree or college, or download the annual catalog. The *2009-10 RSP Tuition Break Catalog*, published in September, was distributed throughout Massachusetts to all high school guidance offices and public libraries.

Examples of programs approved for Massachusetts residents, because they are not offered by any Massachusetts state college or universities, are: Aquaculture, Biomedical Engineering, Botany, Cognitive Science, Creative Writing, Dental Medicine, Health Care Management, Law, Marine Affairs, Maritime Studies, Meteorology, Ocean Engineering, Outdoor Education, Physiology and Neurobiology, Sustainability Studies and Television Studies.

The RSP, established in 1957, not only saves students and their families thousands of dollars in college tuition, but also saves taxpayers millions of dollars by enabling the six New England

states to share educational resources and avoid the duplication of costly academic programs at public campuses. All of New England's public two-year and four-year colleges and universities participate in the RSP.

The New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE) is a nonprofit, congressionally authorized agency whose mission is to promote greater educational opportunities and services for the residents of New England.

For more information, visit [www.nebhe.org](http://www.nebhe.org) or contact the New England Board of Higher Education, 45 Temple Place, Boston, MA 02111. Telephone 617-357-9620. Email: [tuitionbreak@nebhe.org](mailto:tuitionbreak@nebhe.org).