(a) Time Due. If a student registers on or before the first date of a course section, tuition, registration fees, and other fees required for enrollment are due on a specific date prescribed by the college that is on or before the first date of the course section. If a student registers after the first date of the course section, tuition, registration fees, and other fees required for enrollment are due at the time of the student’s registration. A student may satisfy the requirement for payment due through one or more of the following four methods:

(1) Directly paying the college.
(2) Demonstrating to the college's satisfaction that the student is eligible for financial aid or other third-party payment.
(3) Entering into a deferred payment plan authorized by 1E SBCCC 200.2(b).
(4) Providing evidence of eligibility for a tuition or registration fee waiver consistent with 1E SBCCC 800.

To ensure tuition receipts are deposited to the credit of the fiscal year in which the Fall academic term occurs, colleges shall begin collecting curriculum tuition payments for the Fall academic term on or after July 1 of that year.

(b) Deferred Payment. The college may, with approval of the board of trustees, prescribe written procedures to permit short-term deferred payment or payment in installments; provided, however, that payment in full is due by the end of the academic term. For the purposes of this section, “short term” is defined as a period that does not extend beyond the last day of the academic term.

(c) Failure to Pay. Unless otherwise prohibited by law, colleges may not enroll or distribute an academic credential to a student with an outstanding balance for tuition or registration fees except under the following circumstances:

(1) The college anticipates that the outstanding balance will be paid using pending financial aid; or
(2) A person or organization demonstrates to the satisfaction of the college the ability to pay the outstanding obligation and guarantees in writing to pay the balance if the student fails to do so.

Unless otherwise prohibited by law, colleges may withhold transcripts of grades and any other service pending resolution of outstanding monetary obligations. This statement shall
not be construed to prohibit a college's board of trustees from adding more stringent provisions that are allowable under law regarding outstanding monetary balances.

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