

## Lakeshore Technical College Official Policy

| Policy Title                            | Original Adoption Date            | Policy Number |
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| Voluntary Early Retirement              | 7/20/1972                         | HR-241        |
| Responsible College Division/Department | Responsible College Manager Title |               |
| Human Resources                         | Vice President of Administration  |               |

#### **Policy Statement**

Effective June 30, 2018, the College will eliminate the Voluntary Early Retirement program for staff that are not within 5 years of eligibility as of 6/30/2018.

Retirement insurance benefits shall be available to regular full-time employees who are hired full-time as of 7/1/2013 for management/support and 7/1/2014 for faculty and who meet the age and full-time years of service requirements listed under section A. *Eligibility*.

Management/Support staff hired full-time after 7/1/2013 and faculty hired full-time after 7/1/2014 are not eligible for this benefit.

- A. *Eligibility:* Any regular full-time employee who requests retirement benefits, who is eligible for the College's insurance plans at the time of retirement and who meets one of the following will have a portion of their insurance benefit premiums paid by the College:
- 1. Age 61 or older with at least 10 years of continuous full-time service with Lakeshore Technical College.
- 2. Age 60 with at least 15 years of continuous full-time service with LTC.
- 3. Age 59 with at least 20 years of continuous full-time service with LTC.
- 4. Age 58 with at least 25 years of continuous full-time service with LTC.
- 5. Age 57 with at least 30 years of continuous full-time service with LTC.
- B. **Define:** The following will not count as a break in service. An employee designating family medical leave, other types of medical leave, or military service leave.
- C. *Notice:* Employees who wish to retire must notify Human Resources and/or the President of their intent to retire.
- D. *Insurance Benefit Coverage:* Retirees' health, dental and life will be paid at the same rate as for active employees. The payments by the retiree and/or College continue until the retiree reaches Medicare eligibility. Upon retirement, the retiree will be able to elect coverage which will continue through age 65 or eligibility for Medicare.
- E. **Termination of Insurance Premium Payment:** Health, dental and life premiums paid by the College shall terminate when a retiree becomes eligible for Medicare or its successor federal health insurance programs.

Any deviation from this benefit will be at the discretion of Human Resources and the College President.



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### **Reason for Policy**

It allows the employee to retire prior to age 65 and continue coverage of the College's insurance benefits.

#### **Cross References and Legal Review**

Legal Reference: Wisconsin Statutes 40.23(2m)(f)

Cross Reference: Early Notification of Separation - Management, Support Staff & Faculty Procedure

**Legal Counsel Review and Approval:** 

Board Policy: III.A. General Executive Constraint, III.B. People Treatment, III.C. Compensation and

**Benefits** 

#### **Definitions**