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Florida College System
Office of Articulation
1401 Turlington Building
325 West Gains Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Letter of Interest

Western Governors University (WGU), a current articulation partner with the Florida College System, seeks to revise their current articulation agreement with any Florida public two-year institutions that have not yet signed the previous MOU dated June 3, 2019. Western Governors University is a private, non-profit institution offering bachelors and master's degrees in business, information technology, K-12 teacher education, and health professions, including nursing. Our competency-based program measures learning rather than time, allowing students to progress through courses as soon as they can prove they've mastered the material. WGU's tuition is charged at a flat rate every six-month term. The cost for most undergraduate programs is \$3,225.00 each term with a flat-rate book (resource) fee of \$145 per term, making most undergraduate degree programs less than \$7,000 per year for an unlimited number of credits.

The new MOU with the Florida College System will focus on strong transfer of credits from the community college to WGU programs with equal or natural transfer into one of four colleges: Business, Information Technology, Health Professions and Teacher Education. The transfer pathways will be kept up-to-date and accessible through the <https://partners.wgu.edu> website. Transfer students from the Florida College System are enrolled at one of the partnering Florida community colleges are eligible to apply for the WGU Community College Scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 which are disbursed in \$625 increments for up to four terms. The specifics of the updated articulation agreement will be done on an individual basis with each institution. This customized approach will allow WGU and the community college to determine partnership specifics based on the strategic plans of the institution to ensure their specific needs and desires for the partnership are met. The new MOU's will have a two-year expiration date that will allow each institution to discuss goals annually and re-evaluate partnership effectiveness every other year.

WGU is committed to continuing to offer an affordable, flexible transfer option to students at the completion of their time with the Florida College System. We are proud to have 4,553 current enrolled students, 1,819 students who have enrolled in the past 12 months, and 2,162 cumulative graduates from Florida College System institutions in the past three years. Our goal remains to ensure a partnership between Florida College System institutions and WGU continues for years to come through this updated memorandum of understanding.

Sincerely,

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