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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 Florida public two-year institutions. 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 eligible to apply for the WGU Community College Scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each which are disbursed in \$625 increments for up to four terms. The specifics of the updated articulation agreement can be viewed in the attached document.

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 2,099 current enrolled students, 1,323 students who have enrolled in the past 12 months, and 1,490 cumulative graduates from Florida College System institutions. Our goal is to ensure that this partnership continues for years to come through this updated memorandum of understanding.

This letter of interest is grandfathered for the following Florida institutions:

Broward College
College of the Florida Keys
Florida Gateway College
Hillsborough Community College
Northwest Florida State College
Palm Beach State College

Sincerely,

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