

## COLLABORATIVE ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT BETWEEN

**MIAMI DADE COLLEGE**  
(Miami, Florida)

AND

**TALLADEGA COLLEGE**  
(Talladega, Alabama)

This agreement establishes guidelines and procedures to facilitate the transfer of Miami Dade College students to Talladega College (hereinafter referred to as TC) after completing an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree from Miami Dade College (hereinafter referred to as MDC).

1. MDC has an open-door admissions policy that provides educational opportunities to local community residents and to national and international applicants. The mission of MDC is to provide accessible, affordable, high-quality education by keeping the learner's needs at the center of decision-making and to working in partnership with its dynamic, multicultural community. MDC offers a wide range of programs designed to meet the needs of its diverse student body. The College offers degree options and a host of career certificates and specialized programs.

The Associate in Arts degree (A.A.), designed to prepare students for further study at four-year institutions, includes more than 80 areas of concentration. The Associate in Science degree (A.S.), with more than 60 areas of study, prepares students for direct entry into the workforce or for further professional education. A.S. graduates take advantage of the College's numerous partnerships with innovative businesses throughout South Florida. MDC is also accredited to offer baccalaureate degree programs (B.S. in Education, B.A.S. programs in Public Safety Management, Supervision and Management, Electronics Engineering Technology, Health Science, and Film, Television, and Digital Production, as well as the B.S.N. in Nursing). These programs were designed to meet an industry need for educators, high level law enforcement and corrections professionals, and nurses respectively. The College offers numerous short-term career certificate programs, as well as courses of study to enhance career knowledge through continuing education.

2. TC has a tradition of developing leaders since its founding in 1867. It instills in its graduates the values of intellectual excellence, hard work, and morality.

The College provides academic programs and experiences for students, that among other outcomes, produce graduates who:

- Think analytically and strategically
- Speak effectively and read critically
- Write with precision and clarity
- Exhibit competency in their academic discipline
- Assume leadership roles in society

The College recognizes its historic achievements in the sciences and humanities grounded in liberal arts education by preparing students not only for the world of work but also for advanced graduate studies.

The College nurtures the whole person through mentoring relations between faculty and students. It provides experiences that develop strong moral and ethical behaviors and responsibility to the local community and to the world.

The College is part of a diverse global society and seeks to instill an understanding and appreciation of diversity through its curriculum and multicultural faculty.

TC is dedicated to producing well rounded leaders who think independently, who are self-assured, and who are committed to intellectual growth and service to their community.

### **Transfer Requirements, Procedures and Opportunities**

1. To be admitted into TC, MDC students must submit application materials for evaluation to the TC Admission Office and meet the TC requirements for admission and credit transfer.
2. TC will consider students who hold an associate in arts degree with liberal arts emphasis or an associate in science degree. Students with an AA or AS degree from MDC will be considered to have satisfied TC's core course requirements and will be awarded 60 hours towards the completion of a TC baccalaureate degree. MDC applicants who are transferring their AA or AS degree for evaluation are not required to submit high school transcripts or ACT/SAT test scores.

More specifically, MDC transfer admission applicants seeking advanced standing at TC must meet the following requirements:

- Submit handwritten essay and completed TC Undergraduate Application.
  - Have a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
  - Submit official MDC transcripts, showing the award of the AA or AS degree.
  - Submit letter of recommendation from one MDC instructor.
3. TC awards financial aid based on documented need. MDC transfer students will be considered for all financial aid, grants and scholarships as well as those for MDC transfer students. TC will provide partial scholarship funds in the amount of \$2,500 each year for two MDC students with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale to support tuition, books, and room and board. Tuition alone at TC is approximately \$8,140 per year.
  4. Admission interviews are not required but are strongly encouraged and are helpful to both the applicant and the admission officer. If an interested MDC student is unable to visit the TC campus, a TC admission officer will contact the student directly. TC will be represented at the annual Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) College Fair hosted by MDC-North Campus.

### **Program Management and Reporting**

To assure the admission and academic success of participating students, MDC and TC agree to develop, maintain and continuously improve a program management and report system.

Each institution shall:

- Publicize the Collaborative Admissions Agreement among its students and faculty;
- Assign an institutional representative to coordinate activities, monitor student progress, and evaluate and improve the program;
- List the program, as appropriate in publications and websites of the institution.
- Share regularly updated copies of their general college/university catalog and any other information which may be helpful in advising students.
- Provide timely information about significant changes in the program of study that relates to the preparation of participating students.

### Termination/Modification

This Articulation Agreement is subject to change or modification by mutual written consent between the parties hereto. Program changes or modifications by either institution can be incorporated into this agreement by written amendment, as agreed to by both parties.

This Articulation Agreement may be terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party given at least one academic year in advance of such termination date. It is understood and agreed that any student participating in the MDC program already admitted to TC due to this agreement will have three years to complete the program notwithstanding the termination provisions above, so long as the student remains in good academic standing and is making measured progress towards completion of a degree program. In the event that no students from MDC are admitted to TC for five consecutive years, this Articulation Agreement shall automatically terminate at the end of the fifth year.

### AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES

MDC and TC have completed the development of a Collaborative Admissions Agreement.

The chief executive officers do hereby execute this Agreement by virtue of their signatures as affixed below. This Agreement will be reviewed at least every two years and shall continue until such time that it is revoked in writing by either party.

This agreement was established and formally entered into on Oct. 26, 2009 and it will be reviewed on or before June 30, 2013.

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Dr. Eduardo J. Padrón  
President  
Miami Dade College

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Dr. Billy C. Hawkins  
President  
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