

Transfer Agreement between
Miami Dade College
and
Western Governors University

Background and Mission of MDC and WGU

This agreement establishes the transfer guidelines and policies of Western Governors University (WGU) for graduates of Miami Dade College (MDC).

WGU is a non-profit institution conceived and initially supported by members of the Western Governors Association. The mission of WGU is to provide affordable postsecondary education access to working adults, rural residents and others who cannot easily attend a campus-based degree program. Access is provided with online bachelor's and master's degrees in education, business, Information Technology and health professions.

WGU is regionally accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. The Teachers College at WGU is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) programs. WGU is nationally accredited by the Distance Education and Training Council (DETC). The nursing programs at WGU are accredited by the Collegiate Council on Nursing Education (CCNE).

The mission of MDC is to provide accessible, affordable, high-quality education by keeping the learner's needs at the center of the college's decision-making and working in partnership with its dynamic, multi-cultural community. MDC offers the Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree to prepare students for further study at four-year institutions. The Associate of Science (A.S.) degree is offered in more than 60 areas of study for the dual purpose of entering the labor market or seeking additional professional education towards the bachelor's degree.

MDC is a diverse, multi-cultural institution with students from many nations, cultures, and racial and ethnic backgrounds. Through this relationship WGU seeks to expand the number of students it serves from these communities.

WGU Transfer Benefits

MDC graduates, staff and faculty are entitled to the following financial benefits if they enroll at WGU:

- Student application fee is waived (a \$65 savings)
- Students who enrolls at WGU will be entitled to a 5% discount on tuition charges
- Graduates of MDC may apply for the Community College Excellence Scholarship which is reserved for transfer students from partner colleges. The scholarship valued at \$2,000 can be used in addition to the 5% discount.
- Graduates, staff and faculty may apply for any other relevant scholarships available at the time of their matriculation

Graduates of MDC who apply for admission to WGU will not be required to take the Readiness Assessment in recognition of the examinations for graduation required by the Florida Division of Community Colleges.

WGU Transfer Guidelines

MDC graduates with an A.A. and A.S. degree will enter WGU with upper-division standing if they are transferring into a related field, in either education, business, information technology or nursing. The degree credits that transfer vary by program as shown below.

MDC graduates with an A.A. or A.S. degree in an unrelated field, anything other than education, business, information technology and nursing, will enter having satisfied WGUs general education requirements.

MDC graduates with an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) will satisfy course requirements through a course-by-course transcript review.

For specific WGU Program Transfer Guidelines please refer to the Transfer Policies for Community College Graduates at: http://www.wgu.edu/admission/cc_transfer.

Program Management and Reporting

- MDC shall publicize this agreement among its students, faculty and staff.
- MDC and WGU shall appoint a staff member to coordinate activities, monitor student progress, evaluate and improve the program annually.
- MDC and WGU shall list the programs as appropriate in publications and web sites of each institution
- MDC and WGU shall share regularly updated copies of their catalog and other publications which may be helpful for student transfer advising
- MDC and WGU shall provide timely information about the significant changes in the program of study that relates to the preparation of participating students.

Termination and Modification of the Agreement

The agreement is subject to change or modification by mutual written consent between both parties. Changes and modifications by either institution can be incorporated into this agreement by written amendment as agreed to by both parties.

The agreement may be terminated by either party with a one year advance written notice. Any student participating in the MDC program already admitted to WGU under 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 graduation.

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

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for security

Dr. Rolando Montoya
Provost
Miami Dade College

4/26/10

Date

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Salvatore J. Monaco, PhD
Provost & Academic Vice President
Western Governors University

4/8/10

Date