

EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MIAMI DADE COLLEGE, FLORIDA

AND

THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA

This Educational Partnership Agreement (“EPA”) is made by and between the District Board of Trustees of Miami Dade College, Florida (“MDC”), located at 300 N.E. 2nd Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132 and the City of North Miami, Florida (North Miami), located at 776 N.E. 125 Street, North Miami, FL 33161. Collectively, both MDC and North Miami shall be referred to as the “Parties.”

Whereas, in pursuit of their common objective(s), this EPA establishes a framework to facilitate the implementation of the collaboration and cooperation between the Parties and sets out the proposed terms of the collaboration and timetable for implementation; and

Whereas, the Parties agree to establish a collaborative partnership in order to promote mutual understanding and develop a framework for the implementation of specialized initiatives that promote educational opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of their interests and objectives, the Parties hereby confirm their mutual understanding as following:

I. OBJECTIVE

1. The purpose of this EPA is to provide a general framework for facilitating collaboration and cooperation between the Parties in strengthening, promoting and developing discussions as opportunities arise to ascertain the extent to which cooperative activities could be implemented in the future.
2. The purpose of this EPA is strictly limited to expressing the desire of the Parties for mutual cooperation and is not intended to impose any legal obligation of any nature on either Party. Any obligation or comment on any Party will be subject to each Party’s internal policies and approvals. The Parties may, but are not obliged to, enter into separate formal legally binding agreements in relation to their various joint activities, which will fully document the rights and obligations of each Party.

II. AREAS OF COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION

Within the context of their respective mandates, objectives, and procedures, the Parties anticipate that their collaboration currently will focus on the specific areas best fitting their respective strategies and mandates with regards to initiatives, in such following areas:

- 1) Enhance educational opportunities for City employees, small business owners, and residents of North Miami through the support of existing MDC academic degree and certificate programs as well as the development of new educational programs (workshops and seminars).
- 2) Provide accelerated learning opportunities for North Miami through the provision and implementation of a MDC's Prior Learning Assessment Program.
- 3) Increase North Miami employment opportunities for MDC students earning academic degrees (associates and bachelors) and college credit certificates through the creation and development of an employment pipeline program.
 - a) Explore the provision of scholarships, grants, and financial incentives for students pursuing careers in varying in-demand industries to attract and retain talent in the industry.
 - b) North Miami Personnel Administration department will review MDC's curriculum for programs related to varying degree programs that may be matched with employment opportunities available within the City.
- 4) Develop and implement apprenticeship programs and paid internship opportunities focused on North Miami workforce development.
- 5) Use of North Miami or MDC facilities to host conferences, workshops, trainings, and seminars for residents, prospective students, and employees of North Miami.

Any such transfer initiative shall be further documented in an articulation agreement or memorandum of understanding (MOU), each of which shall be subject to this EPA and are incorporated herein by reference (each an "Articulation Agreement" or "MOU"). In the event of a conflict between this EPA and any Articulation Agreement, this EPA shall control.

III. ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

1. The Parties will designate an institutional coordinator to organize the development and facilitation of the various activities.
2. The coordinators will be responsible for the direction and supervision of all activities of the joint programs under this EPA, subject to the rules and regulations pertaining to each institution.
3. The coordinator will be appointed by each institution.
4. No financial obligations are assumed under this EPA. Funding for any specific program or activity shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by all Parties prior to initiation of same and attached to this EPA.

5. Supplemental agreements will address such issues as specific duties and responsibilities, schedules, budgets, evaluations, and any other items necessary to efficiently accomplish the activity.
6. The Parties agree that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or creed be excluded from participation under the terms of this EPA.
7. Both Parties agree to comply with the applicable provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) as it pertains to education records for students as defined by FERPA. Parties must obtain written consent from the student in order to release any education records. For the sole purposes of fulfilling the scope of this EPA, MDC hereby designates North Miami as a “school official” in accordance with FERPA.
8. This EPA shall be governed and interpreted under the laws of the State of Florida. Proper venue shall lie solely in Miami-Dade County, Florida.
9. All notifications will be in writing and deemed given as of the delivery date. Notice will be sent to the attention of the representative set forth below or to such other representative as either Party may identify in writing.

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IV. APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ACADEMIC COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

This EPA will become effective upon being signed by the representative authorities of the Parties. This EPA will be valid for three (3) years and may be terminated by either Party provided the terminating Party gives written notice at least six (6) months prior to termination. The terms of this EPA may be changed or modified only by written amendment signed by authorized agents of the Parties.

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Authorized Signatures

**THE DISTRICT BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF MIAMI DADE
COLLEGE, FLORIDA**

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Malou C. Harrison (Mar 5, 2025 18:48 EST)

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Executive Vice President & Provost

Approved as to the Form and Sufficiency:

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ATTEST:

**THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI,
FLORIDA**

By: _____

Vanessa Joseph, Esq.

City Clerk



Anna-Bo Emmanuel, Esq., FRA-RA

Interim City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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