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Western Governors University Washington ("WGU WA") offers transfer pathways for students receiving an associate degree from any of the Washington State Community and Technical Colleges ("Colleges") according to the master agreement between the Colleges and WGU WA. WGU WA is delighted to expand the partnership to include students who are transferring with an applied bachelor degree. It is the intention of the Colleges and WGU WA that the partnership outlined in this letter agreement will inform and encourage the College's graduates to earn degrees to advance their personal and professional goals.

WGU WA has found the applied baccalaureate degree programs offer by the Colleges satisfy the general bachelor degree requirement for admission into most of WGU's master's programs, with the exception of career-specialized fields, like the Masters of Science in Nursing (MSN), where students are required to hold a specific degree for admission.

As your partner University, WGU Washington will continue the five percent (5%) tuition discount, offered to College students transferring at the associates level, for up to four (4) academic terms. We will also modify your unique URL (<a href="http://washington.wgu.edu/admissions/cc\_transfer">http://washington.wgu.edu/admissions/cc\_transfer</a>) for each of your colleges as well as the general URL (<a href="http://washington.wgu.edu/admissions/cc\_transfer">http://washington.wgu.edu/admissions/cc\_transfer</a>) to include recognition of your bachelor programs as a pathway to our master's program.

In return, we request that all Colleges with eligible bachelor programs promote this opportunity by

- Including WGU WA and its degree programs to your list of active transfer universities,
- Linking the above websites to your advising pages and including them in printed and socialmedia materials concerning degree pathways,
- Informing your graduating students about the Washington State Community and Technical College/WGU partnership, and
- Highlighting the partnership and education benefits through your standard internal communication channels (such as advising centers, with program faculty, and emails to graduating bachelor's students).

WGU Washington staff will be available to participate in any local education or transfer fairs, prospective student information seminars, and "lunch and learn" presentations that you may desire. We ask for you to inform us of these opportunities.

These understandings serve as the basis of the Washington State Community and Technical Colleges/WGU partnership and may be modified by mutual written consent or terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days prior written notice. In the unlikely event the partnership is terminated, we agree that the Colleges' graduates then receiving any educational benefit described in this letter agreement will receive the full value of that benefit towards their studies as long as they remain in good academic standing at WGU.

WGU is pleased to partner with the Washington State Community and Technical Colleges in providing these pathways. If this letter agreement accurately reflects your understanding of the partnership we discussed, please sign below and return a signed copy to me at <a href="mailto:rich.cummins@wgu.edu">rich.cummins@wgu.edu</a>. Your contact person at WGU is Jeanie Belcher, jeanie.belcher@wgu.edu.

Sincerely,

Richard Cummins, Ph.D.

Chancellor

Signatures of agreement:

Richard Cummins, Ph.D.

Chancellor, WGU Washington

Date: April 18, 2017

C: Jeanie Belcher, CRM, WGU Washington

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