



January 18, 2022

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Jim Murdaugh, Ph.D.
President

FROM: Calandra Stringer, Ph.D.
Vice President and Provost

SUBJECT: Gadsden Technical Institute and Tallahassee Community College MOU

Item Description

This item presents an agreement between Gadsden Technical Institute (GTI) and Tallahassee Community College (TCC) to enhance partnerships and career pathways.

Overview and Background

The agreement provides for a greater exchange of data and the development of seamless career pathways for students completing courses and programs at GTI. It will assist students matriculating into TCC and minimize duplication of courses and programs.

Funding/ Financial Implications

None

Past Actions by the Board

The Board has approved agreements with Gadsden Technical Institute in the past.

Recommended Action

The Board approve the agreement with Gadsden Technical Institute.

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Between
Tallahassee Community College
And
The School Board of Gadsden County, Florida**

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Purpose:

The purpose of this Agreement is to increase communication and strengthen collaboration, to avoid duplication of courses and programs at TCC and GTC, and to provide a trained and skilled workforce prepared to meet the needs of area employers.

Each Party Agrees to:

Meet in May of each calendar year, prior to the start of the Fall school year, and exchange the following information:

- (1) Meet on a quarterly basis after the execution of this Agreement; and
- (2) Agree to all information sharing identified in this Agreement; and
- (3) A list of current career and technical education courses and programs offered in Gadsden County, Florida high schools, GTC, and TCC; and
- (4) A list of courses and programs under consideration for the upcoming school year, to include the targeted student population, and data that supports the need for the courses and/or programs in Gadsden County or other shared service areas; and
- (5) Share appropriate GTC student data in accordance with FERPA with TCC to ensure seamless matriculation and academic pathways; and
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Participate in an annual debriefing each calendar year to review each party's performance under this Agreement, and to determine how the parties can improve this Agreement to strengthen collaboration, avoid duplication of courses and programs, and provide a trained and skilled workforce for area employers.

Modification:

This Agreement replaces any existing Agreement between TCC and GTC and may only be modified by mutual written agreement.

Duration:

This Agreement shall take effect upon approval and signatures of authorized officials. This Agreement may be amended by mutual written agreement at any time or terminated at any time by either party upon advanced 30-day written notice. This Agreement shall remain in effect unless terminated or amended.

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