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Metro Government, WGU Tennessee Sign Letter of Agreement News Brief - 6/14/16

Online, competency-based university offering tuition discounts for Metro Government employees

NASHVILLE — The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County has approved a letter of agreement wlith WGU Tennessee, the online, nonprofit university brought to the state as part of Gov. Bill Haslam's Drive to 55 initiative. Resolution 198 creates an official partnership whereby WGU Tennessee will offer tuition discounts to Nashville's more than 9,200 Metropolitan Government employees should they choose to enroll.

"This partnership with WGU Tennessee offers Metro employees a great opportunity to get their first or second degree in a learning environment that works around their schedule," said Mayor Megan Barry. "We appreciate WGU Tennessee's commitment to providing a high-quality education program that gives credit to the work and life experience of our dedicated Metro workforce."

Metropolitan Government employees will receive a 5 percent discount for up to four academic terms. This is a substantial reduction, since WGU Tennessee's tuition is already only \$3,000 per six-month term.

"We are delighted to be working so closely with Metro Government," said Dr. Kimberly K. Estep, chancellor of WGU Tennessee. "Its commitment to the betterment of its employees is commendable, and we're honored to be a part of what Metro Government is trying to do for the prosperity of this city."

WGU Tennessee offers more than 50 bachelor's and master's degree programs in four fields: health care, business, education, and information technology.

It earlier signed a similar agreement with the city of Memphis.

(Click here to read the full agreement.)

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