



WGU Texas News

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## **WGU Texas, Education Service Center, Region 19 Announce Partnership**

*Agreement Gives ESC-Region 19 Employees Affordable Access to Degrees and Career Growth*

AUSTIN — (Mar. 2, 2018) [WGU Texas](http://wgu.texas) has partnered with El Paso-based Education Service Center (ESC), Region 19 to provide pathways to high-quality educational opportunities that support educators.

One of twenty regional service centers located throughout the state, ESC-Region 19 serves 12 school districts and seven charter schools in El Paso and Hudspeth counties and provides professional development and support to educators in the region.

“As a nonprofit, competency-based university, WGU Texas is proud of our ability to put higher education within reach for more Texans,” said Dr. Steven Johnson, WGU Texas Chancellor. “Through this partnership, we are able to provide a path to bachelor’s and master’s degree programs that are flexible and affordable for working adults.”

“ESC Region 19 is excited about participating in opportunities that will further advance the education of our community,” said Dr. Armando Aguirre, ESC-Region 19 Executive Director. “WGU Texas helps provide access to affordable higher education for many of our members who require a different pathway due to family or work responsibilities. This partnership advances our state’s workforce helping fellow Texans to better their life through education.”

Under the terms of the partnership, all ESC-Region 19 employees, partner school districts and charter schools are eligible to receive a five percent tuition discount (for up to four academic terms) off WGU Texas’ flat-rate tuition of approximately \$6,300 per year for most programs, and are eligible to apply for special scholarships. More information about the partnership is available on the WGU Texas [texas.wgu.edu/ESC19](http://texas.wgu.edu/ESC19) and [ESC-Region19](http://ESC-Region19) websites.

### **About WGU Texas**

WGU Texas is an online, nonprofit, competency-based university established to expand Texans’ access to higher education throughout the state. Formed through a partnership between the state of Texas and nationally-recognized Western Governors University, WGU Texas is open to all qualified Texas residents. The university offers more than 60 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in the high-demand career

fields of business, K-12 teacher education, information technology, and health professions, including nursing.

Degrees are granted under the accreditation of Western Governors University, which is accredited through the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). Teachers College programs are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), and nursing programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).\*

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*\*Western Governors University offers nursing programs that are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 5380, Washington, DC 20036, 202-877-6791).*