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## **Miami Dade College to Partner with Purdue University Global To Provide Greater Flexibility and Choices For Students, Employees, Alumni**

**MIAMI—Nov. x, 2019** – To provide greater flexibility to help students fulfill their academic potential, [Miami Dade College](#) (MDC) has announced a partnership with [Purdue University Global](#), a public nonprofit online university that specializes in creating a tailored, personalized approach to help working adults earn a wide range of associate's, bachelor's, master's or doctoral degrees.

"This partnership with Purdue Global offers our students more choices in pursuing an advanced degree with their variety of degree programs and the flexibility of serving the needs of working adults with an online learning environment," said Philip Giarrappa, Ph.D., director of articulation and academic pathways at MDC.

As part of the comprehensive partnership, MDC students, alumni and employees will receive tuition reductions at Purdue Global to pursue their educational goals. Facilitated by Kaplan Higher Education as part of its operational support role to Purdue Global, the agreement also provides accelerated tracks to earn a degree based on prior college credits, work experience, desired pace, military service and other considerations.

"We are delighted to support the continuing education goals of so many people associated with Miami Dade College," said Dr. Betty Vandenbosch, chancellor of Purdue University Global. "Our university is aligned with the MDC mission of preparing adult learners with the skills they need to achieve their academic potential and succeed in their careers. We're proud to collaborate with this outstanding educational partner to expand opportunities for such a diverse student body."

Of note, Purdue Global's highly respected and accredited degree programs in a variety of healthcare specialties are in high demand by students who see a growing need in the medical marketplace. For example, the [Florida Center for Nursing](#) predicts an expanded healthcare demand from baby boomers, at the same time that 40 percent of existing nurses will be retiring, could create a need for 114,000 more nurses by 2023. Additionally, the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) projects that healthcare jobs will be among the fastest growing in the U.S. through 2028, accounting for about 1.9 million new jobs.

One of the leading educators of nursing professionals in the country, Purdue Global's [School of Nursing](#) offers nine flexible, online degree options including Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), post-Master's Certificate Programs and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP).

Additionally, Purdue Global offers a range of degrees in [health sciences](#), such as undergraduate and graduate programs in healthcare administration and health information management, as well as master's programs in health education, health informatics and public health.

Purdue Global also offers associate's, bachelor's and master's degree programs in business, information technology, education, criminal justice, legal studies, and social and behavioral sciences.

Purdue Global specializes in meeting the needs of mature, working adults with the flexibility of an online format. About 62 percent of its students are over the age of 30 and an equal percentage have a child or other dependent. Additionally, approximately 43 percent of Purdue Global's students attended a community college and were awarded transfer credits.

### **About Miami Dade College**

Miami Dade College is the most diverse institution in the nation. There are 174 nations and 69 languages represented in its student body. The college's eight campuses and outreach centers offer more than 300 distinct degree pathways including associate and baccalaureate degrees, career certificates and apprenticeships. Baccalaureate degree offerings include biological sciences, engineering, data analytics, information systems technology, education, public safety, supervision and management, nursing, physician assistant studies, film and others. MDC is the recipient of many top national awards including the Aspen Prize. As Democracy's College, MDC changes lives through accessible, high quality-teaching and learning experiences. It is the home of the Miami Culinary Institute, the Miami Animation & Gaming International Complex, the Miami Fashion Institute, the Eig-Watson School of Aviation, The Idea Center, the Cybersecurity Center of the Americas, the Cloud Computing Center, the Center for Learning, Innovation and Simulation, the School for Advanced Studies, and the New World School of the Arts, to name a few of its most innovative programs. MDC has been named among the nation's "Great Colleges to Work For" since the program's inception. The College embraces its responsibility to serve as an economic, cultural, and civic leader for the advancement of our diverse global community. Its alumni and employees contribute more than \$3 billion annually to the local economy, and MDC graduates occupy top leadership positions in every major industry. MDC is renowned for its rich cultural programming. It is the home of the Miami Book Fair, Miami Film Festival, the National Historic Landmark Miami Freedom Tower, the Tower Theater, Dyer Building, Koubek Center Mansion and Gardens, the Lynn and Louis Wolfson II Florida Moving Image Archives, the Museum of Art and Design, a sculpture park and a large campus art gallery and theater system. MDC has admitted more than 2,000,000 students and counting, since it opened its doors in 1960. For more information, visit [www.mdc.edu/](http://www.mdc.edu/).

### **About Purdue University Global**

Purdue University Global is the extreme personalization online university, providing students the competitive edge to advance in their chosen careers. It offers a hyper-tailored path for students to earn an associate's, bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree, based on their work experience, desired pace, military service, previous college credits and other considerations — no matter where they are in their life journey.

Purdue Global serves approximately 29,000 students, most of whom earn their degree online. It also operates several regional locations nationwide. Purdue Global is a nonprofit, public university accredited by The Higher Learning Commission. It is affiliated with Purdue University's flagship institution, a highly ranked public research university located in West Lafayette, Indiana. Purdue University also operates two regional campuses in Fort Wayne and Northwest, Indiana, as well as serving close to 6,000 science, engineering and technology students at the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) campus. For more information, please visit [www.PurdueGlobal.edu](http://www.PurdueGlobal.edu).

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