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## Purdue University Global Offers Mercy Co-workers Reduced Tuition for All Degree Programs

**INDIANAPOLIS – Nov. 20, 2019** – An expanded program has been announced that will provide co-worker tuition benefits for more than 175 degree programs at Purdue University Global, a public nonprofit online university, to approximately 45,000 co-workers and 2,400 physicians employed by Mercy, a major health care system that operates more than 40 hospitals across the Midwest.

Previously, Mercy's educational benefit with Purdue Global had involved only health care-related degrees and certificate programs. The agreement includes a tuition reduction, which will significantly reduce a co-worker's out-of-pocket expenses for a world-class education. In addition to a wide range of degrees in [health sciences](#), Purdue Global offers associate, bachelor's and master's degree programs in business, information technology, education, criminal justice, legal studies, and social and behavioral sciences.

The education benefit with Purdue Global will provide Mercy co-workers with the flexibility to learn new skills and advance their careers while they work and raise a family. With an online format, the university specializes in creating a tailored, personalized approach to help working adults expand their skill set, build leadership and management expertise, and prepare to advance their careers by selecting an [online degree program](#) that matches their career goals.

"The ability to collaborate with universities is an important aspect of developing our workforce to meet the growing health care needs of our communities and an aging population," said Scott Sell, vice president of Mercy's talent selection. "We are very pleased with the quality of the education and the personalized approach that Purdue Global has provided in helping our co-workers to succeed in the classroom while excelling at work."

Facilitated by Kaplan Higher Education as part of its operational support role to Purdue Global, the agreement also provides accelerated tracks for employees to earn a degree based on prior college credits, work experience, desired pace, military service and other considerations.

Purdue Global's highly respected and accredited degree programs include a variety of high-demand health care specialties. Examples include the university's undergraduate and graduate programs in health care administration and health information management, as well as master's programs in health education, health informatics and public health. The [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) projects that health care 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 RN to BSN, Master of Science in nursing (MSN), post-Master's certificate programs and doctorate of nursing practice.

"We're delighted to work with Mercy to bring an exceptional Purdue Global student experience to Mercy co-workers," said Marilyn Wideman, DNP, dean of Purdue Global's School of Nursing. "The growth of this relationship demonstrates how we are helping health care organizations address the demand to upskill workers and meet the increasing need for nurses to have higher levels of knowledge and specialization while supporting their ability to attract and retain good employees."

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 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).

### **About Mercy**

[Mercy](#), named one of the top five large U.S. health systems from 2016 to 2019 by IBM Watson Health, serves millions annually. Mercy includes more than 40 acute care, managed and specialty (heart, children's, orthopedic and rehab) hospitals, 900 physician practices and outpatient facilities, 45,000 co-workers and 2,400 Mercy Clinic physicians in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. Mercy also has clinics, outpatient services and outreach ministries in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. In addition, Mercy's IT division, Mercy Technology Services, and Mercy Virtual commercially serve providers and patients from coast to coast.

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