

College Operating Procedures (COP)



Procedure Title: University Partnerships

Procedure Number: 03-0702

Originating Department: Academic Affairs

Specific Authority:

Board Policy n/a

Florida Statute 1007.22

Florida Administrative Code n/a

Procedure Actions:

Purpose Statement: Adopted: 06/01/10; 03/30/15; 02/12/2025

To provide Florida SouthWestern State College (College) students with seamless educational pathways to baccalaureate and other degrees not offered by the College.

Guidelines:

In accordance with F.S. 1007.22, the College has established formal agreements with regionally accredited education institutions to increase access to higher education in the College service area. The College and University Partners enter into articulation agreements to ensure transferability of courses and programs. These articulation agreements are reviewed and updated periodically and are housed in the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The following guidelines have been established to ensure compliance with state guidelines and to avoid unnecessary duplication of programming.

- I. Partnering institutions must be designated as regionally accredited and must maintain appropriate regional accreditation status.
- II. Registered University Partners agree to avoid unnecessary duplication of program and course offerings.
- III. Registered University Partners may pursue appropriate rental/lease of College facilities in accordance with approved Board policies.
- IV. The College graduates and students are given priority for admissions and enrollment.
- V. Partnering institutions typically offer enrollment incentives to the College students and graduates in the form of tuition discount, maximum allowance of transfer credit toward the transfer degree, or waiver of fees.
- VI. Partnership programs provide additional access to students who wish to advance their academic credentials, but choose to remain in the College region.

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- VII. Partnering institutions maintain responsibility for providing adequate learning resources to support instruction.
- VIII. Partnering institutions maintain responsibility for counseling and advising of prospective and enrolled students.
- IX. Registered partners are given priority for use/rental of classroom space.
- X. Registered partners are provided with recruitment access and use of on-campus space when visiting the campuses.
- XI. Registered partners are promoted through the online resources, newsletters and mailings.