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**WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP WITH WESTERN GOVERNORS  
UNIVERSITY OFFERS CAREER PATHWAYS AND INITIATIVES**

**Tuition Discount and Scholarships for WCCCD Students Provided through Michigan  
Community Colleges Association**

DETROIT, Mich. – June 28, 2021 – Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) graduates are now eligible to receive a five percent tuition discount on 60 accredited undergraduate and graduate degrees offered through a partnership program created by the Michigan Community Colleges Association (MCCA) and Western Governors University (WGU) aimed at increasing bachelor's and advanced degree attainment.

That program offers graduates and employees of WCCCD, as well as 27 other member community colleges throughout the state, seamless transfer of coursework to the accredited, online university, and five percent off tuition for up to four academic terms. WCCCD graduates and employees will also be eligible to apply for scholarships of up to \$2,000 through the WGU Community College Partner Scholarship fund.

“Our mission has always been to provide pathways to better lives through higher education,” said WCCCD Chancellor Dr. Curtis L. Ivery. “This program is firmly within that mission and expands on our existing transfer programs and university partnerships to help more students obtain advanced degrees seamlessly and in their own backyard.”

WCCCD's Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center offers seamless transfer to advanced degree programs offered through university partners that include Michigan State University, University of Michigan – Dearborn, Ferris State University, Northwood University, and more.

The 60 programs available for discounted tuition at Western Governors University are within its College of Business, Teachers College, College of Information Technology and College of Health Professions.

More information about the accredited, online university is available to MCCA students and faculty at [wgu.edu/MCCA](http://wgu.edu/MCCA).

**About WCCCD:** WCCCD, one of the largest urban community colleges in Michigan, is a multi-campus district with six campus locations and specialty campuses, including the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center, the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE), the Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Education Center, and the Outdoor Careers Training Center. The District serves nearly 70,000 students annually across 36 cities and townships, and more than 500 square miles. WCCCD is committed to the continued development of new programs, workforce transformation, hosting community-based training sessions, and improving student facilities and services. Learn more at [www.wcccd.edu](http://www.wcccd.edu).

**About Western Governors University:** Established in 1997 by 19 U.S. governors with a mission to expand access to high-quality, affordable higher education, online, nonprofit WGU now serves more than 121,000 students nationwide and has more than 186,000 graduates in all 50 states. Driving innovation as the nation's leading competency-based university, WGU has been recognized by the White House, state leaders, employers, and students as a model that works in postsecondary education. In just 23 years, the university has become a leading influence in the development of innovative workforce-focused approaches to education. WGU is accredited

by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, has been named one of Fast Company's Most Innovative Companies, and has been featured on NPR, NBC Nightly News, CNN, and in The New York Times. Learn more at [www.wgu.edu](http://www.wgu.edu).

**About Michigan Community Colleges Association:** The Michigan Community Colleges Association (MCCA) is a network-centric association of 28 Michigan public community colleges whose mission is to provide leadership on issues affecting member colleges. The organization has entrepreneurial centers of excellence (Center for Student Success, Michigan Colleges Online, and the Michigan New Jobs Training Program) that are bee-hived around the 'hub', the core of the MCCA, that is focused on legislative and public advocacy. Learn more at <https://www.mcca.org/>.

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