



Partners in Education

Maryland Army and Air National Guard

Baltimore City Community College

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is intended to reflect the cooperative efforts between the <u>Baltimore City Community College (BCCC)</u>, an agency of the State of Maryland, and Maryland National Guard ("MDNG") to expand, enhance, and improve educational opportunities to its employees. MDNG agrees to work with <u>BCCC</u> to actively promote awareness of and enrollment in both degree and non-degree programs to its employees and to identify *y* as a university partner.

Communication channels regarding these opportunities may include but are not limited to the following:

- Availability of electronic or written communications such as newsletters, brochures, magazines, websites, bulletin boards, and other informational material from BCCC that will be provided to interested MDNG employees will be mutually agreed upon;
- Invitations for *BCCC* to address employees at meetings, conferences and mutually coordinated arrangements as appropriate;
- Ability to schedule opportunities for *BCCC* to meet face-to-face with employees who are interested attending *BCCC*.

Baltimore City Community College will:

- Identify a specific individual to serve as a point-of-contact for MDNG employees;
- Assist in coordinating publicity including creation of marketing materials;
- Work with MDNG employees regarding admission and act as a liaison while they are achieving their educational goal;
- Coordinate with MDNG regarding this partnership; and
- Review prior academic credit and structured prior learning experiences at no charge in accordance with *BCCC* policies.

MDNG believes *BCCC* programs provide an exceptional fit with the needs of its employees and because MDNG desires to reduce higher education costs for its employees, they agree to work cooperatively with *BCCC*, to actively promote *BCCC* programs and make information regarding *BCCC* programs available to its employees. Working cooperatively with the MDNG, *BCCC* agrees to waive 50 percent of the tuition for MDNG members attending classes at *BCCC* as well as sponsored academic/technical programs. This Memorandum of Understanding allows MDNG members to be treated as "in state" and "in county" regardless of their place of residence, paying only 50 percent of the in-county tuition regardless of class size, location and number of semester hours the student is taking.

MDNG understands that the reduction applied to the then current standard tuition for each course may change from time to time and that the tuition may be subject to a minimum number of MDNG employees enrolling in *BCCC* programs. This discount may not be applied with any other scholarship or discount.

The parties are entering into this non-binding Memorandum of Understanding to provide a general overview of the relationship between *BCCC* and the MDNG. The parties recognize the considerable value of the partnership between the MDNG and *BCCC* in helping to achieve their individual goals.

I. Existing Relationships

Recognizing that this statement of mutual support is not an enforceable contract at law and that it is not intended to violate or replace any existing laws, regulations, or policies of either party, the areas of potential cooperation includes those activities or initiatives either entity considers desirable and feasible to foster and develop this cooperative partnership.

II. Areas of Cooperation

The collaboration may be carried out, subject to the authority, funding, and approval of each organization, through programs or activities that enhance the engagement of the partnering communities. Examples of joint programs include the following:

- Creation of business and/or leadership programs to foster an informed group of MDNG professionals and university leaders;
- Conducting seminars and training conferences in the areas of: leadership, human resources, workforce leadership, business, management, and other areas where expertise exists among MDNG and *BCCC* personnel;
- Creation of educational programs to accommodate the diverse needs of MDNG professionals in order to make the completion of degree programs more accessible; and
- Fostering a relationship among MDNG and *BCCC* to enhance a positive atmosphere on campus and in the community.

The terms of the collaboration and the necessary budget for each initiative shall be fully discussed and mutually agreed upon prior to the initiation of any activity. Each organization will designate a coordinator to develop, monitor, and implement specific initiatives or activities. The parties agree that this Memorandum of Understanding is not binding and may not be enforced against the other party by any legal or equitable right or action.

MDNG acknowledges that it is not an agent of *BCCC* and is acting cooperatively with BCCC for the benefit of its employees.

III. Effective Date of Agreement

This Memorandum of Understanding becomes effective on November 1, 2017, and will remain enforced until such time as either party feels the need for any amendment and/or modification. Either party may withdraw from the agreement upon written notification to the other party, which notice shall be effective when provided to the other party. The Memorandum of Understanding will be reviewed every five years or sooner as either organization determines. Either party reserves the right to terminate this MOU.

<u>Concurrence</u>: In witness thereof, and in recognition of a mutual desire for a long lasting and productive relationship. We hereby affix on signatures.

For Maryland National Guard

CPT Elise R. Dent

Education Services Officer

Maryland National Guard

Date

For Baltimore City Community College

Dr. Gordon F. May

President/CEO

Baltimore City Community College

Date