

JUSTIFICATION FOR COLLABORATIVE ACADEMIC ARRANGEMENTS

Initiating a joint degree program with another institution:

Agreement involving a partner institution that is not accredited by USDE-recognized accreditor:

1. Statement of intent:
2. The anticipated beginning date:
3. A description of the proposed collaborative agreement:
4. The complete address/location of the collaborative activity:
5. Complete contact information for the lead person(s) at each participating institution:
6. A copy of the final signed agreement: (attach)
7. Documentation of (1) any external governmental or accrediting agency approval of the institution(s) or program(s) involved in the collaboration, not to include that the SACSCOC, (2) the process of quality assurance used by the agency granting this approval, and (3) any required legal or licensing approvals:
8. Documentation that the courses or programs of the non-SACSCOC partner institution(s) are consistent with the educational purpose and goals of the SACSCOC-accredited institution(s):
9. Documentation that the institution meets the provisions of Comprehensive Standard 3.4.7 (Consortial relationships/contractual agreements), including the analysis of credits accepted in transfer:
10. Documentation that faculty involved in the collaboration are qualified to teach assigned components or courses and a description of the means by which the SACSCOC-accredited institution(s) will monitor these qualifications (Submit a completed COC Faculty Roster Form):
11. Documentation describing the physical and learning resources that will support the collaboration:
12. A plan to monitor and ensure that the quality of contributions made by the partner institution(s) meets SACSCOC expectations:
13. A plan produced by the SACSCOC-accredited institution(s) ensuring that the collaborative arrangement does not result in the appearance of extending SACSCOC accreditation to Partner institutions through promotional materials, academic publications, student transcripts, credentials verifying program completion, and releases to the news media:
14. Prototypes of official academic documents (e.g. student transcript, degree, diploma, certificate) representing the collaborative relationship: