

JUSTIFICATION FOR COLLABORATIVE ACADEMIC ARRANGEMENTS

Initiating a joint degree program with another institution:

Agreement involving a partner institution accredited by another accreditor that is recognized by the USDE:

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 that the non-SACSCOC partner institution(s) are not on a public sanction:
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. A plan to monitor and ensure that the quality of contributions made by the partner institution(s) meets SACSCOC expectations:
11. 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:
12. Prototypes of official academic documents (e.g. student transcript, degree, diploma, certificate) representing the collaborative relationship: