



**Marist College
Office of Graduate Admission**

Partnership Agreement for Montgomery County

(July 2024)

Montgomery County- Marist College Partnership

What differentiates Marist from other institutions of higher learning is our **commitment to excellence in education**, a **pursuit of higher human values**, and our **dedication to the principle of service**. These core values can be found everywhere at Marist -- in our curriculum, faculty, and students. This proposal aims to create a partnership between Montgomery County and Marist College by promoting the mission and vision of both organizations. We will provide employees with opportunities to engage in active learning through meaningful achievement in academic pursuits and purposeful preparation to help individuals grow, both personally and professionally.

It is the intention of both parties that this partnership becomes a multi-year partnership. To ensure the partnership's growth and sustainability, we will agree on a communication strategy and establish a review timeline where promotional methods are being reviewed and/or revised, and to evaluate mutual satisfaction that the partnership is meeting our collective expectations.

Agreement

Starting (**July 2024**), Montgomery County employees will have the opportunity to enroll in the Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree program at **50% off the cost of tuition**. Marist will also offer Montgomery County employee as well as their immediate adult family members a **twenty-five percent (25%) discount** on select full-time or part-time graduate and adult undergraduate programs online or on campus.

There are several programs that are not eligible for the partnership discount. For a complete list of eligible programs please visit:

<https://www.marist.edu/admission/graduate/partnerships/eligible-programs-pricing>

For all new degree and certificate programs, Marist will determine partnership discount eligibility at time of release.

NOTE: Qualifying students must be 22 years of age or older upon admission and applying through either Graduate Admission or Adult Undergraduate Admission.

NOTE: These reduced tuition rates are not retroactive and cannot be paired with any other Marist College discounts or scholarships.

For clarification purposes, the parties understand and agree that Montgomery County will not be responsible for any tuition hereunder, unless otherwise agreed in advance and in writing under a separate financial responsibility document. Books, travel, and all other related expenses are the responsibility of the student.

Eligibility

Applicants must submit proof of employment with Montgomery County and indicate the partnership on their application. Family members must provide a letter from the employee with similar proof of the qualifying party's employment. Offices of Graduate and Adult Undergraduate Admission will work with prospective students to ensure that all admission requirements for individual degree programs are understood and met. International applicants will also be evaluated on an individual basis and must meet the requirements outlined on the Marist Web site. Final determination of eligibility is made by Marist College.

Promotion

The Marist College Office of Graduate Admission and Montgomery County will appoint a liaison to help integrate the messaging between the two organizations and ensure the partnership is a success. This will be done through mutually agreed upon communication channels. The following are examples for your consideration, organizational newsletter announcements, employee benefit handbooks, benefit fairs, email blasts, Web links, information sessions delivered onsite, social media, fliers, posters, etc.

NOTE: In the event the appointed liaison is no longer able to fulfill the role as described, an additional contact will be provided.

All promotional materials including, but not limited to, web sites, print, email, and social media communications are to be reviewed by each party prior to distribution. There shall be no public announcements or communication with media outlets concerning this partnership without prior consent from each party.

For the term of this agreement, Montgomery County agrees the organization's logo may be displayed on the corporate and organizational partnership page of the Marist web site, and on approved promotional materials. No other use of the logo is authorized without express written consent from Montgomery County.

Expiration

This Agreement will automatically renew year to year without needing prior approval by the parties. Either party may terminate the Agreement at any time by providing at least fifteen (15) days prior written notification to the other party. In the event this Agreement is terminated, any student enrolled in any of the Programs at the time of termination will be permitted to continue their studies and complete the Programs under the terms specified in this Agreement.

Confidentiality

Each party agrees that it shall not use or disclose any confidential or proprietary information belonging to the other party, and shall take reasonable security precautions, at least as great as the precautions it takes to protect its own confidential and proprietary information.

Agreement Signatures

The information contained within this Agreement has been agreed upon in good faith by the duly authorized representatives from Marist College and _____.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Kelly Holmes, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management, Dean of
Graduate Admission, Marist College

Signature: _____ Date: _____

_____, _____, Montgomery County

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