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City of Dayton announces partnership with Western Governors University Ohio
Agreement extends online, competency-based learning and scholarships to City employees

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The City of Dayton announces a new partnership with Western Governors University Ohio (WGU Ohio) to allow City employees the opportunity to pursue four-year and graduate degrees via WGU Ohio's well-regarded online programs.



Qualifying City employees may apply for \$2,500 scholarships to make the WGU Ohio programs even more affordable.

The scholarships will be awarded in increments of \$625 per semester for up to four terms, based on satisfactory academic performance.

WGU is proud to offer these benefits to City of Dayton employees," said Dr. K.L. Allen, chancellor of WGU Ohio. "Under the leadership of Mayor Mims, the City of Dayton has a focus on strengthening workforce development, and WGU Ohio is the perfect fit for working adults who are seeking a degree to boost their careers, but who can't fit traditional campus-based schooling into their busy lives. That's why hundreds of companies, associations, school districts, and other organizations have chosen WGU as a partner in educating their workforce and graduates."

"The new access to WGU Ohio's convenient, innovative teaching model will help City employees further their education and advance their career readiness," said Mayor Mims. "As a former educator, I know the power of education in transforming lives, and this partnership will help our employees boost skills and pursue an in-demand degree."

Western Governors University was founded in 1997 by a coalition of 19 U.S. state governors as a way to offer their citizens—particularly adult learners—the chance to go to college from home, at their own pace, while holding jobs and caring for their families. In 2018, Ohio became the eighth additional state to partner with WGU to offer its degree programs in health and nursing, business, teaching, and information technology. Since that time, WGU Ohio as

an accredited, nonprofit university has helped nearly 9,000 Ohio students receive the education and skills they need to pursue in-demand careers. The City of Dayton first announced employee benefits in partnership WGU Ohio in 2019.

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