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## News Release

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### **ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY AND CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE PARTNER TO OFFER DISCOUNTED TUITION FOR RESIDENTS**

**Unique partnership to provide city residents and municipal employees specialized educational and professional development opportunities**

**EAST PROVIDENCE, R.I., Nov. 9, 2020** – Roger Williams University and the City of East Providence today announced an innovative partnership to provide a special discounted rate for city residents and municipal employees on all of RWU’s University College (UC) degree programs, as well as specialized workforce and professional development opportunities on professional certificates.

“This new partnership between RWU’s University College and the City of East Providence is an exceptional opportunity to provide innovative educational programs that broaden access to job and skills training and spur vital economic growth in Rhode Island,” said RWU President Ioannis Miaoulis. “I want to especially recognize UC Dean Gena Bianco, East Providence Mayor Bob DaSilva, and city officials William Fazioli and Napoleon Gonsalves for their commitment to this partnership.”

Through this unique partnership, East Providence residents and municipal employees will have access to 18 associate and bachelor degree programs and a wide-ranging portfolio of certificates to advance their educational and professional development. The special discounted tuition program will provide savings of \$250 or more per 3-credit course off UC’s already affordable tuition rate. Residents and municipal employees can choose from:

### **Bachelor Degrees**

- Community Development
- Cybersecurity & Networking
- Emergency Medical Services
- Paralegal Studies
- Public Administration

### **Associate Degrees**

- Associate of Arts
- Criminal Justice
- Early Childhood Education

### **Certificates**

- Corporate Communication
- Digital Forensics
- Health Services Administration
- Nurse Paralegal
- Public Safety

These are just a few examples of UC's award-winning programming, which recently ranked No. 7 in the nation for 2021 Best Online Colleges for Return on Investment by OnlineU (formerly Guide to Online Colleges). Courses are delivered in-person, online and hybrid format (both in-person and online) through UC's Providence Campus at 1 Empire Plaza.

"Building a skilled labor force is a vital part of our City's future and thanks to RWU and our collaboration with the many employers in our community, we will have additional resources in which to continue to build a skilled workforce," Mayor Bob DaSilva said.

RWU's University College and the City of East Providence are also working on a range of workforce and professional development programs designed to meet the needs of residents and local businesses. This includes programs in the construction trades, business, medical and legal fields and more.

For information on full program offerings at RWU's University College, visit <https://rwu.edu/uc>. To learn more about the special program for city residents and municipal employees, connect with the UC Admissions Office at (401) 254-3838 or [uc@rwu.edu](mailto:uc@rwu.edu).