

WE HEREBY AFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT!

TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, STUDENT SUCCESS, AND PUBLIC TRUST

At CDL OCALA CVT SCHOOL, we believe higher education carries a responsibility to students, families, employers, and the communities we serve. Our mission is to provide an education that is rigorous, purposeful, affordable, and responsive to the needs of our students and society.

As a Florida institution, we are committed to maintaining exacting standards of academic quality, integrity, accountability, and student success. We welcome the opportunity to reaffirm these commitments publicly.

Merit and Transparency in Admissions

We are committed to admissions practices that are transparent, consistently applied, and grounded in legitimate academic and programmatic criteria. Prospective students have a clear understanding of admission requirements, program expectations, costs, and the academic preparation necessary for success.

We do not believe enrollment should come at the expense of educational quality. Our goal is to admit and support students who can benefit from the programs we offer and to provide them with an honest understanding of what their education requires.

Free Inquiry, Respect, and a Safe Learning Environment

A strong educational environment encourages students to ask the tough questions, examine competing viewpoints, challenge assumptions, and develop independent judgment.

We are committed to protecting lawful expression and academic inquiry while maintaining a learning environment free from threats, harassment, intimidation, and material disruption. Students and faculty are able to teach, learn, speak, and engage in good-faith discussion without fear of unlawful interference.

We believe intellectual freedom and mutual respect strengthen one another.

Intellectual Pluralism and Academic Excellence

Our academic programs are designed to develop knowledge, critical thinking, professional competence, and the ability to evaluate evidence and competing perspectives.

Faculty members are selected and evaluated based upon appropriate academic and professional qualifications, teaching effectiveness, relevant experience, and their ability to advance the institution's educational mission.

We value an academic culture in which ideas are examined on their merits and students are encouraged to think carefully rather than simply conform.

Affordability, Transparency, and Student Outcomes

We recognize that an education is a significant investment for students and their families. We are committed to responsible stewardship and to providing clear information about tuition, fees, program requirements, and other educational costs.

We regularly evaluate student persistence, completion, academic achievement, and career-related outcomes appropriate to our programs. We use this information to identify opportunities for improvement and to strengthen the educational value we provide.

Our responsibility extends beyond enrollment. We want our graduates to leave with meaningful knowledge and skills that prepare them for further education, employment, professional advancement, and productive participation in their communities.

Academic Rigor and Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence

An academic credential should represent genuine learning and achievement.

We are committed to maintaining rigorous academic standards and assessments that accurately measure student learning. Grades reflect demonstrated achievement rather than enrollment alone, and academic integrity remains fundamental to the value of an education.

We also recognize that artificial intelligence is changing education and the workplace. We will continue to develop appropriate policies and practices that allow students and faculty to benefit from emerging technologies while preserving academic integrity, meaningful assessment, independent thinking, and mastery of essential knowledge and skills.

Research Integrity and Institutional Security

Where our institution engages in research, sponsored programs, partnerships, or activities involving sensitive information or intellectual property, we are committed to protecting academic and research integrity and complying with applicable federal and state requirements.

We will maintain appropriate safeguards for institutional information, intellectual property, research activities, and other sensitive resources and will address conflicts of interest and other risks consistent with our mission and applicable requirements.

Serving Florida Students and Workforce Needs

We are **proud to serve students in Florida** and recognize our responsibility to contribute to the state's educational and workforce priorities.

Our academic programs are designed to provide students with knowledge and skills that have value beyond the classroom. We will continue to evaluate our programs in light of student needs, educational quality, employment opportunities, and the evolving needs of Florida's workforce.

Where appropriate, we will collaborate with employers, professional organizations, and community partners to ensure that our educational offerings remain relevant and responsive.

Our Ongoing Commitment

These commitments are more than statements of principle. They reflect the standards by which we intend to evaluate ourselves.

We will continue to review our academic programs, policies, student outcomes, and institutional practices to identify opportunities for improvement. **We will remain committed to transparency, accountability, academic excellence, responsible stewardship, and the success of the students we serve.**

At CDL OCALA CVT SCHOOL, we believe higher education should prepare students not only for careers, but also for lives of responsibility, informed judgment, meaningful contribution, and continued learning.

We are committed to earning the trust that students, families, employers, and the public place in higher education through the quality of our work and the success of our students.

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