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## Miami Dade College offers free tax preparation services

Miami Dade College said it is continuing its 20-year tradition of offering free tax preparation services to low-income individuals, the elderly and non-English speaking residents, in advance of the federal income tax deadline of April 15.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) is administered and staffed by faculty and MDC business students who volunteer their time. Students are trained and must pass an Internal Revenue Service exam of basic rules, regulations, and tax preparation skills before they assist taxpayers. Divided into three groups, their functions are administrative, tax return preparation, and quality review.

The service is provided at five Miami Dade campuses: in Hialeah, Homestead, the Interamerican campus in Miami, Kendall, North Miami-Dade and the Wolfson Campus in downtown Miami.

For more information, contact the Hialeah campus at 305-237-8620; the Homestead campus at 305-237-5143; the Interamerican campus at 305-237-6484; the Kendall campus at 305-237-2375; the North Miami-Dade campus at 305-237-1199; or the Wolfson campus at 305-237-3151.