



Ohio Association of Community Colleges

Ohio's Community Colleges...

A map of the state of Ohio is shown in white against a blue background. The map is populated with the logos of various Ohio community colleges, including Northwest State Community College, Lakeland Community College, Cuyahoga Community College, Lorain County Community College, Terra Community College, Owens Community College, Rhodes State College, Marion Technical College, North Central State College, Eastern Gateway Community College, Edison Community College, Columbus State Community College, Central Ohio Technical College, Clark State Community College, Zane State College, Sinclair Community College, Southern State Community College, Washington State Community College, Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, Hocking College, and the University of Rio Grande.

*Strengthening
Our Future*

President's Message



Dr. Ronald E. Abrams
OACC President

A college education is by far, one of the best investments an individual can make in themselves. Like any investment, you want to make sure that you are getting the most for your money.

Community colleges have a proven track record of producing high quality graduates that today's growing industries are looking for, and doing so at the lowest cost per credit hour.

Coupled with the fact that nearly 50% of Ohio job openings are projected to be middle-skill jobs requiring more than a high school diploma, but less than a bachelor's degree, community colleges are the clear choice.

In fact, many individuals have already realized the value of a community college education and what it can do for them.

According to the Ohio Board of Regents, community colleges represent the fastest growing sector in the University System of Ohio – growing more than 30% over the last 10 years.

Inside this brochure you'll find just a few of the reasons students and employers are turning to Ohio's community colleges. If you have additional questions I invite you to contact our offices.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald E. Abrams", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ohio Community College Students



Full-time and Part-time Students
61% of students attend part-time

Source: Ohio Board of Regents Undergraduate Student Diversity, Feb. 2010

Students of All Ages
48% of students are age 25 and older



Source: Ohio Board of Regents Undergraduate Student Diversity, Feb. 2010



Growing Numbers of Post-Secondary Enrollment Students
More than 12,000 high school students take coursework at Ohio's community colleges. 69% of all Ohio post-secondary enrollment option students are attending community colleges.

Source: Ohio Board of Regents Headcount Enrollment by Student Level & Age, Feb. 2010

First-generation college students
58% are first-generation college students



Source: Ohio Board of Regents Undergraduate Student Diversity, Feb. 2010



"Through their convenient class times and student-focused learning environments, community colleges open all sorts of avenues for success."

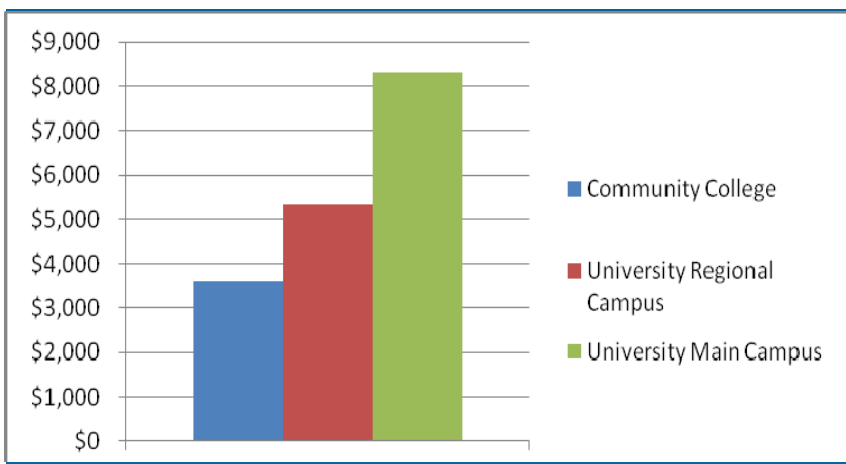
Afshan Hamidi
Columbus State
Community College, '10

Ohio's Community Colleges are *Affordable*



Community colleges offer the lowest tuition in Ohio
Average annual tuition is \$3,600 – just a fraction of the cost of other Ohio colleges and universities.

Tuition at Ohio's Public Colleges and Universities



Source: Ohio Board of Regents Fall 2009 Survey of Student Changes

? DID YOU KNOW...

Ohio's community colleges have more than 270,000 students enrolled in credit courses among the 23 institutions statewide. Another 64,000 students are enrolled in non-credit workforce training courses.

Ohio's Community Colleges Produce *In-Demand* Graduates



"Long term work experience is essential for starting a second career; however, adding a formal degree improves your marketability. Community colleges provide an excellent resource for doing just that. The flexible learning environment, quality of education received, and affordability places community colleges in a class all their own. They can and do offer what other institutions cannot."

David Sigmund
Stark State College, '09

Ohio's Community Colleges provide education and training for many of the state's fastest-growing occupations.

In fact, 87% of Ohio's community college Associate Degree Graduates are employed, or pursuing further education, in Ohio within six months of graduation.

Source: 2016 Ohio Job Outlook & October 2009 Ohio Community College Portrait

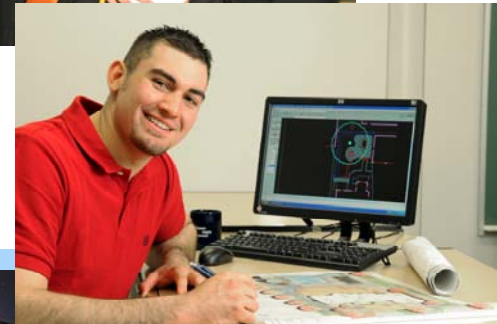


Ohio's Community College Credits *Transfer*

Most community college coursework is transferable to universities.

More than 8,000 students transferred credits from community colleges to universities in 2009, and more than 10% of 2009 Ohio bachelor's degree graduates had earned a year or more credit at a community college.

Source: Ohio Board of Regents



"The Seniors to Sophomores credits I'll earn are all transferable to any state college. I liked knowing that I can get some credits out of the way early and take them with me."

Cody Morr
Highland High School, '10



Ohio's Community Colleges *Contribute* to Our Economy

Students' Return on Investment

For every \$1 invested, students earn \$5.30 in higher future income. For graduates the payback is more, they earn \$11,200 more per year in their careers.

Source: Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc. 2010 Report

Taxpayers' Return on Investment

Ohio taxpayers gain \$2.20 for every \$1 invested in community colleges, accounting for added tax revenue and reduced state spending. \$42.3 million annually is saved in state spending on social services and unemployment benefits as a result of community college education.

Source: Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc. 2010 Report

Increased Income

The added skills of Ohio's community college students, and increased productivity of the companies that employ them, add \$951.3 million annually in taxable income to Ohio's economy.

Source: Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc. 2010 Report





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