

INSTITUTIONAL ARTICULATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI  
AND  
CINCINNATI STATE TECHNICAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE

This Institutional Articulation Agreement ("Agreement"), effective the date last signed below (the "Effective Date"), is entered into by and between the **University of Cincinnati**, a state institution of higher education organized under Chapter 3361 of the Ohio Revised Code, with a primary business address at 2618 University Circle, 625 University Pavilion, Cincinnati, Ohio 45221 (hereinafter referred to as "UC" or "Target Institution"), and Cincinnati State Technical & Community College, with a primary business address at 3520 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45223 (hereinafter referred to as "Cincinnati State" or "Originating Institution"). UC and Cincinnati State will collectively be referred to as the "Parties" or "Institutions" and individually as "Party" or "Institution."

UC and Cincinnati State recognize the need to facilitate the transfer of students from Cincinnati State to UC to pursue and achieve their educational goals.

UC serves the people of Ohio, the nation, and the world as a premier, public, urban research university, dedicated to undergraduate, graduate, and professional education, experience-based learning, and research. UC is committed to excellence and diversity in our students, faculty, staff, and all of our activities. UC provides an inclusive environment where innovation and freedom of intellectual inquiry flourish. Through scholarship, service, partnerships, and leadership, UC creates opportunity, develops educated and engaged citizens, enhances the economy and enriches our university, city, state and global opportunity. UC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission; Member-North Central Association, 30 N. LaSalle Street - Suite 2400, Chicago, Illinois 60602-2504, (312) 263-0456 or (800) 621-7440.

Cincinnati State is a state community college created pursuant to O.R.C. Chapter 3358 and fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, North Central Association. Cincinnati State has been dedicated to meeting the educational needs of the Southwestern Ohio community for more than 40 years, providing student-focused, accessible, quality technical and general education, academic transfer, experiential and co-operative education and workforce development. The College offers more than 100 degree programs and certificates, and is noted for its cooperative education program – one of the largest of its kind among two-year colleges in the U.S.

To ease the transfer process and to promote the closer coordination of academic courses, programs and degrees offered by our institutions, the Institutions hereby enter into this Agreement in accordance with the guidelines and recommendations of the Ohio Articulation and Transfer Policy (HB 95). The Parties agree as follows:

1. UC and Cincinnati State shall adhere to the Ohio Articulation and Transfer Policy (HB 95).
2. Transfer students shall be subject to the catalog in force at the time of their admission to the receiving institution and to any revisions that occur after its publication and prior to their enrollment. Once admitted, transfer students shall be subject to the same regulations governing applicability of catalog requirements (including, but not limited to major, GPA, graduation, and/or residency requirements, policies, procedures, and standards) as native students. Furthermore, transfer students shall be accorded the same class standing and other privileges as native students based on the number of credits earned.

3. Recognizing the system of preparation afforded by the completion of an Associate of Arts and Associate of Science ("AA/AS") degree, and in accordance with the Ohio Articulation and Transfer policy, UC will guarantee admission to the college/university and afford junior standing to all students who have earned an AA/AS degree from Cincinnati State, provided their grade point average is at least 2.0 for all previous college-level courses. UC and Cincinnati State will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit by creating Program-to-Program Transfer Articulation Agreements ("Program TAA") for AA/AS graduates from Cincinnati State. This includes application of general education requirements.
4. Recognizing the system of preparation afforded by the completion of an Associate of Applied Science ("AAS") degree, UC will guarantee admission to the university to all students who have earned an AAS degree from Cincinnati State, provided their grade point average is at least 2.0 for all previous college-level courses. UC and Cincinnati State will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit by creating Program TAAs for AAS graduates from Cincinnati State. This includes application of general education requirements.
5. Recognizing the system of preparation afforded by the completion of an Associate of Applied Business ("AAB") degree, UC will guarantee admission to the university to all students who have earned an AAS degree from Cincinnati State, provided their grade point average is at least 2.0 for all previous college-level courses. UC and Cincinnati State will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit by creating Program TAAs for AAB graduates from Cincinnati State. This includes application of general education requirements.
6. Students so admitted will be considered for admission to selective programs (majors, minors, or fields of concentration) with the same guidelines that are applied to native UC students. Students are responsible for understanding and adhering to the selective admission requirements, according to catalog requirements, at UC.
7. Students who have not completed their AA/AS/AAS/AAB degree, or who have earned a cumulative grade point average below 2.0, or those who have been dismissed previously from another institution will be considered for admission according to the admissions policy and standards of UC, according to catalog requirements.
8. Under this Agreement, Cincinnati State students will be encouraged to complete their AA/AS/AAS/AAB degree before transferring to UC. Should a Cincinnati State student transfer to the UC prior to completion of an AA/AS/AAS/AAB degree, Cincinnati State shall provide the opportunity for students to subsequently complete the AA/AS/AAS/AAB degree in absentia using UC course credit. With student authorization, UC agrees to supply information to Cincinnati State in order to facilitate this reverse transfer credit. In this interest, all course work completed at UC will be accepted and applied to AA/AS/AAS/AAB degree requirements at Cincinnati State consistent with the criteria used for native Cincinnati State students. The same course may also apply toward baccalaureate degree requirements at UC.
9. Cincinnati State and UC will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit. Program specific Transfer Degree Maps & Equivalency Guides ("Maps & Guides") supporting this Agreement will outline selective admission requirements, course equivalencies, and other information affecting students who enroll in a particular academic program. These supplemental programmatic Maps

& Guides must be consistent with the tenets of this overarching Agreement. Students transferring credit outside of programmatic Maps & Guides will have the application of transfer credit done on a course-by-course basis by UC. Ultimately, the acceptance and application of transfer credit is the decision of UC.

10. UC will provide Cincinnati State with course equivalent information regarding Cincinnati State courses and their UC equivalents. UC will maintain current course equivalency data in Transfer Evaluation System and Transferology.
11. Due to curriculum structures and the variability in student enrollment patterns, UC cannot guarantee that students who transfer under the provision of this Agreement will complete all the requirements to graduate from UC within two (2) years or by earning an additional 60 semester hours at the UC.
12. UC will report the number of transfer students from Cincinnati State for the previous academic year, upon request.
13. All collegiate level courses completed at Cincinnati State with a "D-" or better grade will be accepted for students who transfer with or without an earned AA/AS/AAS/AAB degree. These credits shall be accepted toward the student's class standing and shall be articulated to specific UC courses whenever possible.

It should be noted that the student may be required to retake any course in which student received a grade of "C" or "D" where there is a higher minimum grade required for all native UC students pursuing the same academic program. The application of this rule shall be the same for both native UC students and Cincinnati State transfer students.

14. Federal regulations mandate that financial aid can be disbursed to a student by only one institution during any given term. Financial aid eligibility through Cincinnati State ends when the student completes their Cincinnati State degree and commences working upon a degree program at UC. Financial aid consortium agreements will be available to students pursuing a bachelor degree at UC and exercised where permissible, with UC serving as the home institution.

Cincinnati State Contact: Penny Parsons, Director of Financial Aid  
Cincinnati State Technical & Community College  
3520 Central Parkway  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45223  
[penny.parsons@cincinnatiastate.edu](mailto:penny.parsons@cincinnatiastate.edu) | 513-569-1532

UC will also designate individual(s) responsible for aspects of the financial aid consortium.

UC Contact: La Saundra Craig, Director Student Financial Aid  
University of Cincinnati  
2618 University Circle, Cincinnati, OH 45221  
[craiglu@ucmail.uc.edu](mailto:craiglu@ucmail.uc.edu) | 513-556-3076

15. The Transfer Center Director at Cincinnati State will designate an official(s) who will be responsible for all aspects of the articulation program at Cincinnati State.

Cincinnati State Contact: Dr. Myshamil Walker, Transfer Center Director

Cincinnati State Technical & Community College  
3520 Central Parkway  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45223  
myshamil.walker@cincinnatiastate.edu | 513-569-1884

UC will also designate individual(s) responsible for all aspects of this institutional agreement.

Contact: Transfer Pathways Program Manager, Enrollment Management  
University of Cincinnati  
P.O. Box 210202  
120 University Pavilion  
2618 University Circle, Cincinnati, OH 45221  
transfer@uc.edu

16. Both parties are to communicate the conditions of this Agreement, in accordance with federal, state, and local laws, to their respective external and internal constituencies.

Cincinnati State will appropriately include this Agreement in any listing of Program TAAs and will communicate this information through a web portal designed to disseminate transfer information to students, staff, and faculty. Other methods of communication, when appropriate, might include and are not limited to inclusion in the college catalog, program specific materials, and graduate mailings.

UC will appropriately include this agreement in any listing of Program TAAs and will communicate this information, and afford the appropriate training, when necessary, to staff and faculty to support the Cincinnati State transfer student.

17. Cincinnati State is hereby granted a limited, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use the UC name, tradenames, trademarks, and logos during the term of this Agreement **for the sole purpose of promoting this Agreement and UC programs in accordance with this Agreement.**

UC is hereby granted a limited, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use Cincinnati State's name, tradenames, trademarks, and logos during the term of this Agreement **for the sole purpose of marketing to the Cincinnati State student population about this Agreement and the UC's programs in accordance with this Agreement.**

Upon termination of this Agreement, the limited licenses set forth in this section will immediately terminate and each party shall (i) cease all such aforementioned use; and (ii) discard, destroy or delete any printed and electronic materials containing the name, tradename, trademark, or logo of the other party. Neither party shall use the name, tradename, logo, or trademark of the other party in any way that would cause confusion in the public mind as to the relationship between the Parties, and, except for the limited license set forth in this section, neither party shall by virtue of this Agreement gain any right, title, or interest in any name, tradename, trademark, or logo of the other party.

18. Neither party may assign or transfer its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. In no event, shall the license or use of the Institution's name, tradename, trademark, or logo be assigned to a parent, affiliate, or successor company formed by the merger or reorganization or similar corporate transaction of UC with any other company.

19. As a Bearcats Fast Track Partner, the following outlines partnership-specific conditions for this Agreement:

- a. UC admission materials will continue to be distributed, supplemented with print materials and website presence promoting programmatic activities of the Transfer Center. UC and Cincinnati State will work to co-brand materials in spaces where it makes sense and is not confusing for students in the pipeline. Such materials and activities may include video, print, or online materials, participation in on-campus shadowing programs, and peer mentoring activities. Cincinnati State Advisors will have access to and knowledge of these materials and activities, and shall communicate their availability to transfer students.
- b. UC will maintain a Cincinnati State landing page hosted within the UC transfer admissions website. Cincinnati State will collaborate on the content of the page as necessary and will partner in providing edits as institution-specific information changes.
- c. Cincinnati State and UC will collaboratively host a "UC Day" on the Cincinnati State campus annually to highlight academic programs, transfer pathways, and support resources available via the partnership and post-transfer.
- d. UC will waive the application fee for students transferring if Cincinnati State is their most recently attended institution.
- e. *Bearcats Fast Track Scholarship.* UC will award the existing Cincinnati Pathways Scholarship to Cincinnati Pathways Scholars who have completed an associates degree with a 3.0 GPA. To be eligible, Cincinnati Pathways Scholars must be matriculated full-time into an on-campus bachelors degree at UC. This \$2,500 annual award may be renewed for 1 additional year (2 additional semesters) if the student maintains a minimum UC GPA of 3.2 and earns 24 semester hours toward degree
- f. *Cincinnati Pride Grant.* UC will consider the awarding the existing Cincinnati Pride Grant for students who are Cincinnati Public School (CPS) graduates after 2002 who are admitted into UC baccalaureate degree programs who have only attended Cincinnati State and completed their associate degree. To be considered, these students must also qualify for the Federal Pell Grant.
- g. Cincinnati State shall make available to UC advisors office space within Cincinnati State's Transfer Center in order that UC advisors can advise Cincinnati State students interested in attending UC upon their completion of an associate degree at Cincinnati State. UC transfer advisors will host in-person office-hours on a schedule mutually agreed upon by both institutions each semester.
- h. UC will host "Bearcats Fast Track" custom visit opportunities on the UC Uptown Campus to highlight the campus environment, academic programs, transfer pathways, and support resources available. UC will collaborate with Cincinnati State on the timing, marketing, and logistics of each event.
- i. As permitted by institutional policy and in accordance with the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. §1232g, 34 C.F.R. Part 99, and other applicable privacy laws including without limitation, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and the federal regulations adopted to implement that Act (45 C.F.R. Parts 160 & 164 "the HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules"), collectively referred to as "HIPAA", and the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, Public Law No: 106-102 the parties shall exchange information regarding student success related to this agreement. The College may provide upon request a directory list of graduates from

the College following each graduation. UC may provide the College with information regarding the success of a student transferring to UC while utilizing the benefits of this agreement, provided that that student has provided written consent to UC to share such information beyond the available directory information. For research purposes, the following data may be requested from UC:

- i. Date of birth (if possible)
- ii. Currently enrolled (yes/no)
- iii. Major as of the most recent term enrolled
- iv. Hours earned (cumulative)
- v. GPA (cumulative)
- vi. Degree completed (if completed)
- vii. Major for which degree was awarded (or expected)
- viii. Number of terms required to complete degree

Institutional Research Departments of both institutions may be expected to meet within ninety days of signing of this agreement to determine a process to share information.

- j. Leveraging the Strategic Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE) Consortium process, UC will allow degree-seeking Cincinnati State students access to academic opportunities not available at Cincinnati State to maintain their current Cincinnati State program of study and to gain exposure to the university setting. Generally, most courses (except study abroad) are eligible subject to space availability, completion of prerequisite courses, and permission of both institutions.
- k. For those with explicit declared interest in a UC campus-based program, UC will facilitate a Bearcats Fast Track affiliate student status for qualified Sinclair students providing access to UC student IDs, credentials, libraries, and other campus-based benefits. Transfer directors, registrars, and other integral stakeholders are expected to meet within ninety days of signing this agreement to determine a process.
- l. For those with explicit declared interest in a UC campus-based programs, Cincinnati State will require students to meet with a UC Sr Transfer Advisor at least one time prior to transfer. Transfer directors at both institutions are expected to meet within ninety days of signing this agreement to determine a process.
- m. To retain Bearcats Fast Track status:
  - i. UC must receive a minimum of 150 student application submissions per academic year from Cincinnati State, calculated by averaging the number of submissions across fall, spring, and summer terms.
  - ii. UC & Cincinnati State will conduct an Annual Partner Relationship Assessment Meeting that includes institutional leadership from both parties (e.g. equivalent to Assistant Vice Provost level or higher).
  - iii. UC & Cincinnati State will conduct quarterly Partnership Working Meetings between the UC Transfer Center Director, the Sr Transfer Advisor assigned to Cincinnati State, and Cincinnati State's Transfer Center Director; additional parties may be included as necessary to each discussion and additional meetings may be conducted as required for the partnership.

### International Students

20. International students who have graduated from Cincinnati State, or have completed college-level coursework in English Composition and who have completed 30 or more credit hours of college-level coursework, will be exempted from English proficiency testing upon matriculation to UC. International transfer students who have graduated from Cincinnati State with an associates degree with a competitive GPA will be reviewed for a International Outreach Award (GPA requirement is subject to change yearly). Students eligible for this scholarship will not be reviewed for the Cincinnati Pathways scholarship.
21. This Agreement terminates July 31, 2031. Thereafter, this Agreement may be renewed by written agreement for any number of consecutive three (3) year terms, in accordance with the State of Ohio's biennial budget process. Should the precepts of this Agreement, in the interim, come in conflict with established policy at either institution, the established policy will take precedent and the Agreement will be reviewed for possible modification. In either event, care will be taken to ensure that Agreement modifications will not adversely affect students already enrolled and covered under the provision of the existing Agreement.
22. UC and Cincinnati State each reserve the right to terminate this Agreement provided that at least one (1) years' notice of a process terminated date is given.
23. This Agreement is contingent upon the availability of sufficient appropriated funds and the College Treasurers certification that such funds are available as required pursuant to the O.R.C. 3358.10.
24. Any notice required to be given by UC pursuant to terms of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been given if mailed by certified or registered US Mail, return receipt requested, as of the date of receipt, addressed to the Provost at Cincinnati State as follows:

Contact: Dr. Robbin Hoopes, Provost  
Cincinnati State Technical & Community College  
3520 Central Parkway  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45223  
Robbin.hoopes@cincinnatiastate.edu

Any notice required to be given by Cincinnati State pursuant to terms of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been given if mailed by certified or registered US Mail, return receipt requested, as of the date of receipt, addressed to the Vice Provost of Enrollment Management at UC as follows:

Contact: Jack Miner  
Vice Provost, Enrollment Management  
University of Cincinnati  
P.O. Box 210202  
Cincinnati, OH 45221  
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**Effective Date:** August 1, 2026

**Expiration Date:** July 31, 2031

**University of Cincinnati**

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Office of General Counsel

**Cincinnati State Technical & Community College**

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Robbin Hoopes, JD

Provost

*Approved via email 07.13.2026 prior to  
contracting process.*

Jack Miner

Vice Provost for Enrollment Management

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