



**Department of  
Higher Education**

John R. Kasich, Governor  
John Carey, Chancellor

**Directive 2017-047**

**May 31, 2017**

RE: REQUEST BY TERRA STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO ESTABLISH AN ACADEMIC CENTER IN FOSTORIA, OHIO.

Ohio Revised Code sections 3333.04(C) and 3333.07(B) require state colleges and universities to seek the approval of the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education prior to establishing a new branch or academic center.

Terra State Community College has requested approval to establish a new academic center located in Fostoria, Ohio. The facility will be used to offer high-demand, high-growth industry programs such as medical assisting, phlebotomy and mechatronics.

In reviewing a request to establish an academic center the Chancellor considers many factors, including, but not limited to, consideration of the needs of the people and the state, consideration of the role of the college or university in fulfilling those needs, consideration that the college's or university's use of current facilities are being used in the best and most efficient manner, and consideration of the nature of academic programs offered in the state, region, and at the college or university.

The following facts support the establishment of an academic center in Fostoria:

The Fostoria Learning Center is being developed by the City of Fostoria's business and community leaders. The goal of the center is to bring college classes and workforce training to the Fostoria community. Terra State Community College will be one of several partners offering courses at the Fostoria Learning Center. Terra State Community College has entered into a 20 year lease of the property and is therefore dedicated to the long-term offering of programs at the center.

Terra State Community College has specifically researched the need for medical assistants in the Fostoria community. The field of medical assisting is projected to grow by 31% between 2010 and 2020. The Medical Assisting Advisory Board and local physicians have indicated a need for qualified medical assistants. Offering this program in Fostoria will allow the needs to be filled for the surrounding area physicians' offices and hospitals, one of which is just a few miles from the center. Terra State Community College may request that other programs be added based on area workforce needs.

This academic center is located approximately 20 miles southeast of Terra State Community College's main campus in Fremont. The Fostoria Learning Center is currently undergoing renovations and will be open for use in Fall 2017. The convenience and proximity to downtown Fostoria will greatly benefit Fostoria residents seeking to further their education.

This site is located in Terra State Community College's service district which is comprised of Sandusky and Seneca counties.

This approval is limited to the academic center only. Any program approval for course and degree offerings has been or needs to be submitted through the Academic Affairs division of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Agency staff reviewed the request and posted its recommendations to the ODHE website for purposes of providing a period of public comment before final approval by the Chancellor. No public comments were received.

Based upon my review of staff recommendations and public comments received, I hereby approve the establishment of an academic center in Fostoria, Ohio for the above stated reasons.

This directive will take immediate effect.

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John Carey  
Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education

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**ESTABLISHMENT OF ACADEMIC CENTER FOR APPROVAL**

The following request has been posted for a 2-week public comment period and is recommended for approval. No public comments were received.

Recommender: Amy Shaffer

May 30, 2017

Terra State Community College:

TSCC requests the Chancellor's approval for the establishment of an academic center in Fostoria.

Summary of public comments:

None

