



**Department of
Higher Education**

John R. Kasich, Governor
John Carey, Chancellor

Directive 2017-086

August 29, 2017

Re: REQUEST BY STARK STATE COLLEGE TO ESTABLISH AN ACADEMIC CENTER

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.

Recent conversations between Stark State College and Ohio Department of Higher Education staff led to the realization that establishment of an academic center had not been approved by the Chancellor even though the center has been in operation since 2013 and the Ohio Department of Higher Education was aware of the establishment of the new center. Therefore, Stark State College and the Chancellor seek to formalize the approval of this center located at 8252 Frank Avenue NW, North Canton, OH 44720.

In reviewing a request to establish a new branch or 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 the academic center:

Stark State College and the Timken Company Technology and Test Center:

The Stark State College and the Timken Company Technology and Test Center ("Technology and Test Center") opened in 2013 as collaboration between the Timken Company and Stark State College. The Technology and Test Center is an 18,000 square foot facility that tests ultra-large bearing systems. It also houses a classroom/lab that is used by Stark State College for classes and programs.

Currently, the Technology and Test Center is being used to offer a full police science career enhancement certificate as well as some courses for the police science one year certificate. The classroom meets the needs of the program being offered and has been approved by the police science program.

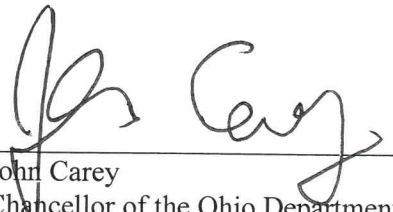
The additional location is in close proximity (2.3 miles) to Stark State College's main campus and requisite student services. The main campus will provide administrative services. The academic colleges and programs will manage the degree completion programs offered at this location.

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 the academic in North Canton, Ohio for the above stated reasons.

This directive will take immediate effect.



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*
Amy Shaffer

August 29, 2017

Stark State College:

SSC requests the Chancellor's approval for the establishment of an academic center in North Canton

Summary of public comments:

None