



## Directive 2018-015

February 27, 2018

RE: REQUEST BY HOCKING COLLEGE TO ESTABLISH AN ACADEMIC CENTER IN NELSONVILLE

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.

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.

Recognizing the need for additional space, Hocking College purchased a building and six acres of land located at 266 Sylvania Avenue, Nelsonville in 2017 with the approval of the Chancellor and the Ohio Controlling Board.

The following facts support the establishment of an academic center at the site:

Hocking College will use the academic center to expand its academic programs in the following areas: HVAC, Construction, Woodcraft and Welding for the Arts. HVAC is a high demand field and local and regional employers requested Hocking start this program. Woodcraft and welding for the arts programs are also high demand fields. Other academic programs could be added at a later date.

Additionally, Hocking College was notified in August 2017 that the current facility housing its Construction Management programs needed to be vacated because the building was being sold. Hocking College selected the location at 266 Sylvania Avenue, Nelsonville, to house these programs due to its close proximity to main campus and the ability for the college to operate academic programs on site with minimal modifications. Students taking courses at this center will be served by the main campus and have access to the services provided at the main campus.

Hocking College will also use the center as part of its economic development strategy. The College intends to provide access for use of equipment and facilities for citizens in the region.

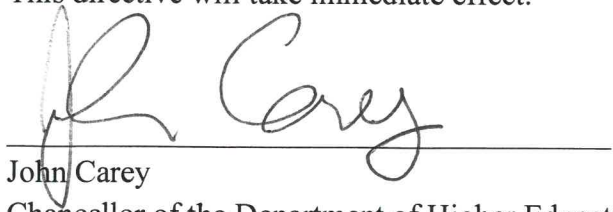
This site is located in Hocking College's service district which is comprised of Hocking, Perry and Athens counties.

This approval is limited to academic centers 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 purpose 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 center in Nelsonville, Ohio for the above stated reasons.

This directive will take immediate effect.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Carey", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

John Carey  
Chancellor of the Department of Higher Education



**Department of  
Higher Education**

John R. Kasich, Governor  
John Carey, Chancellor

**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* February 27, 2018

Hocking College:

HC requests the Chancellor's approval for the establishment of an academic center in Nelsonville.

Summary of public comments:

None