



Memorandum

To: Provosts and Chief Academic Officers

From: Paula Compton, Associate Vice Chancellor & Executive Director,
Articulation & Transfer

Date: January 3, 2020

Subject: Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathways & Bilateral Agreements

In spring 2019, the Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathway (OGTP) Steering Committee requested that the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) gather more information about bilateral transfer agreements in relation to the OGTP. Each four-year institution was asked to examine five of their own bilateral transfer agreements and provide an analysis of how they compared to the related existing statewide OGTP.

On November 19, 2019, the OGTP Steering Committee met and discussed the findings on bilateral transfer agreements. Of the 11 institutions that responded, most were found to be harmonious with the related OGTP. However, there were several that were not fully aligned with the related OGTP. In light of these findings, the committee has requested the following:

1. Since bilateral transfer agreements are valid for a set period, institutions should be given time to examine their bilateral agreements in relation to OGTP as they naturally come up for renewal. At that point, institutions may choose to utilize the OGTP in place of another bilateral transfer agreement, or they may build their bilateral agreement upon the OGTP, such that it becomes harmonious with the OGTP.
2. For those bilateral agreements that are not in alignment with OGTPs and will continue to be offered, institutions must immediately begin to collect data on the relationship in order to demonstrate its effectiveness for student transfer and success.

We appreciate your assistance with this work. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Candice Grant, Senior Director, Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathways, at cgrant@highered.ohio.gov or (614) 466-4186.