



The Legislation

Section 3333.16(D) of the Ohio Revised Code was signed into law in June of 2015. This law required the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education to develop a process, by December 1, 2018, to establish statewide guaranteed transfer pathways from two-year to four-year degree programs in an equivalent field. This effort is directly related to Ohio's initiatives in college affordability and degree completion.

Initiative Oversight

In order to move forward with the development and implementation of Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathways, a statewide steering committee was formed to oversee the progress. The steering committee is co-chaired by Dr. Marcia Ballinger, President of Lorain County Community College, and Dr. Randy Smith, Vice Provost for Academic Programs at The Ohio State University, who represent the Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network Oversight Board. The committee members consist of representatives from six regions of the state (northwest, northeast, west, central, southwest, and southeast), the Ohio Association of Community Colleges, the Inter-University Council and staff members from the Ohio Department of Higher Education and Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network.

Representatives from six regions include one member from a two-year college and another from a four-year university within each region.

Process

The Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathways follows a three-part process. It begins with the development of the guaranteed transfer pathways by statewide faculty panels of program coordinators, program directors, associate/assistant deans, and faculty representatives from the Ohio Mathematics Initiative, with the assistance of additional faculty members as needed. After the faculty panels have completed their work, the proposed pathway is sent out for institutional endorsement. Once a pathway has been endorsed, implementation begins.

Pathway Areas

Transfer pathways are being developed in clusters (meta-majors) with associated specific majors within each cluster. The current cluster areas include: Business; Social and Behavioral Sciences and Human Services; Education; Arts, Humanities, Communication, History, and Design; Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics; Public Safety; Health Sciences; and Computer Science/Information Technology. Currently, 25 pathways are in implementation, and over 30 are still in development.

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