Memorandum

To: Chief Academic Officers and Provosts
From: Paula Compton, Associate Vice Chancellor, Articulation and Transfer
Date: January 22, 2015
Subject: New Career-Technical Assurance Guide (CTAG): Exercise Science

I am pleased to announce the creation and adoption of a new Career-Technical Assurance Guide (CTAG) that facilitates transfer from Ohio’s public secondary career-technical institutions to Ohio’s public colleges and universities.

This memorandum will discuss the new Exercise Science CTAG, upcoming CTAG offerings, and request your nominations for participants in upcoming statewide meetings.

**Exercise Science**

The Exercise Science CTAG was created through the Secondary Career-Technical Alignment Initiative (SCTAI), a collaborative effort between the Ohio Board of Regents (OBR) and the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) that supports the legislative mandates in ORC 3333.162. Faculty experts from two-year and four-year institutions across the state worked on the initiative to ensure similar academic content by examining and providing input into ODE Content Standards and then aligning those standards with post-secondary learning outcomes. A survey was sent to all University System of Ohio member institutions for review, comment, and endorsement. Findings favored the creation of a statewide agreement. The attached Assurance Guide details the criteria that will provide secondary career-technical students the opportunity to earn credit for the approved Career-Technical Articulation Numbers (CTANs):

- Introduction to Exercise Science: **CTES001** = 3 semester hours
- Fitness and Health Foundations: **CTES002** = 3 semester hours

Starting now, post-secondary institutions offering programs or courses within the Exercise Science or Fitness disciplines must submit their associated courses to the Course Equivalency Management System (CEMS) for faculty panel review. Because Exercise Science is a new CTAG, we encourage faculty from this discipline to work with their institution’s CTAG coordinator to facilitate successful submissions to CEMS. Course submissions received by April 6, 2015 will be
reviewed during the Spring CTAG Faculty Review period that runs from April 10th through May 11th.

Please review the attached CTAG document, as well as the FAQ Document, for information on how secondary students can access this credit at your institution.

**Statewide Meeting Information**
To facilitate the successful expansion of career-technical opportunities for credit to secondary partners, the Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network will host several statewide meetings for **discipline-specific faculty** and **front line personnel** at your institution. We are seeking representation from the following disciplines: Criminal Justice, Medical Laboratory Assisting, Health Information Management, Exercise Science, and Automotive Technology and Ground Transportation. We ask that you nominate one (1) to two (2) faculty members for each discipline in the attached survey, and at least one (1), but not more than two (2) representatives from the front lines of your institution (in the area of admissions, transfer coordination, or registration) to attend one of the statewide meetings. If you completed your nominations when the request was made with the announcement of the Criminal Justice CTAG, you do not need to make additional nominations.

Nominations should be submitted no later **February 6, 2015** via this link: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RZ2HTB9](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RZ2HTB9).

Meeting participants will receive confirmation from our office.

I would like to thank all of those involved in this process for their dedication and support. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Tonya Ervin, Assistant Director of Career-Technical Initiatives at 614.387.1022 or [tervin@regents.state.oh.us](mailto:tervin@regents.state.oh.us).