

Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathways Development Process and Timelines

There are 8 general clusters with approximately 50 major specific guaranteed statewide pathways to be developed in the next two years. The development of the guaranteed transfer pathways will be facilitated 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. Selection of panel members will be accomplished through nominations by institutions. The Selection Committee will consist of members of the Guaranteed Transfer Pathways Statewide Steering Committee. All 36 institutions will be represented in each of the cluster faculty panels.

In preparation for panel work, Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) staff members compiled program information on majors and degree requirements within each cluster at each public institution across the state. As specific research questions arose, the Ohio Articulation & Transfer Network's senior research analyst conducted research using institutional data. Both efforts are ongoing. However, beginning with Phase II and III, faculty focus groups will be selected from institutional nominations for each cluster. These focus groups will help to expedite our process by better defining their field, determining the need for sub-clusters, and assisting with the selection of panel leads. The panel leads for each cluster will, in turn, facilitate faculty cluster work and report on progress. The work of the panel members will include assessing and analyzing the upfront intelligence research that has already been completed by the ODHE/OATN staff as well as the focus groups in Phase II and III, consulting with their own region and campus faculty for input, and proposing a pathway, or set of pathways, for their cluster. Each cluster will serve as a network of professionals to support continued implementation of the established guided pathways. The proposed pathways will be presented to all public institutions of higher education in Ohio for endorsement.

Since there are many clusters and associated majors to explore, we will approach the pathway development effort in multiple phases. Below are the anticipated tasks and timelines for the pathway development effort in phases. The orders of tasks listed reflect the established structures and processes the ODHE has put in place. Academic calendar timeframes (i.e., Fall, Spring, Summer) are utilized since the work is driven by faculty who operate on this calendar.

Phase I: Development of Guaranteed Transfer Pathways in 1) Business and 2) Social and Behavioral Sciences and Human Services Clusters

Expected Timeline

Panel Nominations: Fall 2016

Lead Orientation: Early Spring 2017

First Statewide Panel Meetings: Early Spring 2017

Ongoing Panel Work: Spring 2017-Spring 2018

Proposed Deadline: Spring 2018¹

Conducted upfront intelligence research on degree requirements and TAG and OTM courses.	Mid-Fall 2016
Collected faculty nominations	November 2016
Had a conference call with Selection Committee members	December 2016
Confirmed panel members	December 2016-Early January 2017
Conducted lead orientation	January 2017
Held first statewide meetings with panel members and leads	February 2017
Continue discussions to develop a guided pathway for the two clusters with a list of specific courses within each degree pathway that guide students to move from general to specific degree area by the time they complete their associate degree. Statewide meetings and campus level meetings will take place during this time. Consult with TAG and OTM panels as needed.	February-December 2017
Prepare and send out a statewide endorsement survey for each proposed cluster transfer pathway	December 2017-February 2018
Analyze the survey results (by the panel leads)	December 2017-February 2018
Make adjustments as necessary based on the survey results	February-March 2018
Resurvey as needed	March-April 2018
Discuss any issues to be addressed regionally in order to move forward with the endorsement of the guaranteed transfer pathways (by the Steering Committee)	April-May 2018
Make the final approval/endorsement by the Steering Committee	May 2018
Announce the endorsed guaranteed transfer pathways	May 2018
Post on the website	May 2018

¹ Completion date will vary by cluster and may occur earlier. The Business cluster agreed upon a proposed pathway during Summer 2017, and their statewide endorsement survey should be distributed prior to December 2017.

Phase II: Development of Guaranteed Transfer Pathways in 1) Education; 2) Arts, Humanities, Communication, History, and Design; and 3) Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Clusters

Expected Timeline

Panel Nominations: Summer 2017

Panel Research: Fall 2017

First Statewide Panel Meetings: Late Fall 2017

Ongoing Panel Work: Late Fall 2017-Fall 2018

Proposed Deadline: Fall 2018²

Conducted upfront intelligence research on degree requirements and TAG and OTM courses (ODHE)	Mid-Spring 2017
Collected faculty nominations	July-August 2017
Select focus groups	September 2017
Hold meetings with focus groups	September-October 2017
Have a conference call with Selection Committee members	October 2017
Confirm panel members	October 2017
Hold first statewide meetings with panel members and leads	November 2017
Continue discussions to develop a guided pathway for the three clusters with a list of specific courses within each degree pathway that guide students to move from general to specific degree area by the time they complete their associate degree. Statewide meetings and campus level meetings will take place during this time. Consult with TAG and OTM Panels as needed.	November 2017- March 2018
Prepare and send out a statewide endorsement survey for each proposed cluster transfer pathway	March-May 2018
Analyze the survey results (by the panel leads)	May 2018
Make adjustments as necessary based on the survey results	May-August 2018
Resurvey as needed	August –September 2018
Discuss any issues to be addressed regionally in order to move forward with the endorsement of the guaranteed transfer pathways (by the Steering Committee)	September 2018
Make the final approval/endorsement by the Steering Committee	September 2018
Announce the endorsed guaranteed transfer pathways	September 2018
Post on the website	September 2018

² Completion date will vary by cluster and may occur earlier.

Phase III: Development of Guaranteed Transfer Pathways in 1) Public Safety, 2) Health Sciences, and 3) Industry/Manufacturing and Construction Clusters

Expected Timeline

Panel Nominations: Late Fall 2017

Panel Research: Early Spring 2018

First Statewide Panel Meetings: Spring 2018

Ongoing Panel Work: Spring 2018-Spring 2019

Proposed Deadline: Spring 2019³

Conduct upfront intelligence research on degree requirements and TAG and OTM courses (ODHE)	Late Fall 2017
Collect faculty nominations	November 2017-January 2018
Select focus groups	January 2018
Hold a meeting with focus groups	February 2018
Have a conference call with Selection Committee members	February 2018
Confirm panel members	February 2018
Hold first statewide meetings with panel members and leads	March 2018
Continue discussions to develop a guided pathway for the three clusters with a list of specific courses within each degree pathway that guide students to move from general to specific degree area by the time they complete their associate degree. Statewide meetings and campus level meetings will take place during this time. Consult with TAG and OTM Panels as needed.	March-October 2018
Prepare and send out a statewide endorsement survey for each proposed cluster transfer pathway	October-December 2018
Analyze the survey results (by the panel leads)	October - December 2018
Make adjustments as necessary based on the survey results	January -March 2019
Resurvey as needed	March-April 2019
Discuss any issues to be addressed regionally in order to move forward with the endorsement of the guaranteed transfer pathways (by the Steering Committee)	March-April 2019
Make the final approval/endorsement by the Steering Committee	May 2019
Announce the endorsed guaranteed transfer pathways	May 2019
Post on the website	May 2019

³ Completion date will vary by cluster and may occur earlier.

Phase IV: Discussion on Additional Pathways

Expected Timeline: Early Spring 2019

Assess the progress pertinent to the legislation and discuss additional pathways (by the steering committee)	Early Spring 2019
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