



# WGU

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Dear Jack,

Western Governors University (WGU) is delighted to have the opportunity to assist Ohio Association of Community Colleges (OACC) with student transfer goals. WGU's online, competency based and mentor supported programs fit into demanding work and home schedules. The transfer partnership outlined in this agreement will inform and encourage OACC member college graduates and employees to earn degrees that will advance their professional goals and the educational mission of OACC.

Under the terms of this agreement, WGU will:

- Offer OACC graduates and staff at member colleges a five percent (5%) tuition discount for up to four (4) academic terms.
- Create a custom landing page for students and staff who are interested in learning more about WGU programs, services and benefits.
- Prepare and keep current 2+2 articulation tables for related degree programs in education, business, information technology, and health professions. These tables and related print materials will be provided to OACC member colleges as needed and at no cost.
- Create and maintain a 3+1 transfer option for OACC member college nursing graduates who possess an Ohio RN license and are employed as a nurse. To be eligible for 3+1 status, the member college must offer a minimum of 84 credits toward the bachelor's degree at WGU, and students must complete the last 30 credits of their degree program at WGU. Students who are eligible for the 3+1 program may also enroll in the M.S. Nursing bridge programs in nursing education or nursing leadership and management. The B.S. Nursing degree is awarded to the 3+2 student as they progress toward the M.S. Nursing degree.
- All requests for additional 2+2 transfer degrees and 3+1 programs in business, information technology, and health professions, shall come through the OACC Chief Academic Officers advisory committee.
- WGU will work with OACC member colleges to develop a reverse transfer program. The reverse transfer program will permit OACC member college students to obtain an associate's degree from their OACC member college while enrolled in a WGU bachelor's degree program. Upon completion of the associate's degree, these students will be eligible for the tuition discount for up to four (4) academic terms.
- Graduates and staff at OACC member colleges will be eligible to apply for scholarships offered through the WGU Institutional Partner Fund. Scholarships are valued up to \$2,000.00. Recipients will receive a \$500.00 tuition credit each term, renewable for up to four terms based on satisfactory academic performance.



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While we expect graduates and employees to be prepared for WGU's rigorous programs, as a reminder, WGU must retain sole discretion in admission decisions.

In order to inform students, graduates, and staff of the WGU/OACC partnership, the partnership and benefits will be highlighted through your standard internal communication channels (such as student/employee newsletters) at least once per quarter, and a web link will be established from the OACC member colleges internal web page to the WGU/OACC landing page.

These understandings serve as the basis for the WGU/OACC partnership and may be modified by mutual written consent or terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days prior written notice. In the unlikely event the partnership is terminated, we agree that OACC member colleges graduates and employees who are in the admission process, and those receiving any educational benefit described in this letter agreement, will receive the full value of that benefit towards their studies, as long as they remain in good academic standing at WGU.

WGU is pleased to partner with OACC to further enhance the transfer opportunities for students, graduates and employees at member colleges.

Sincerely,

  
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