

The Two-Year College Advantage

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Myth or Fact?

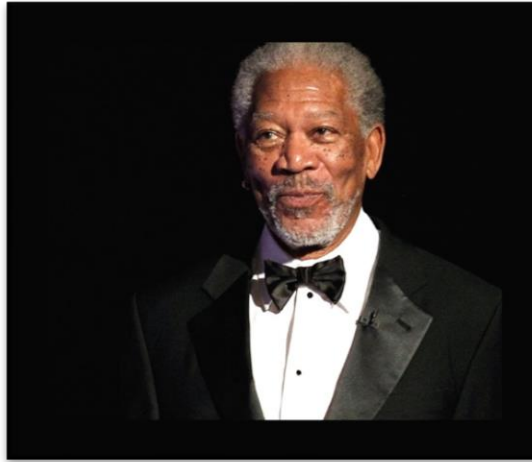
- No one successful attends a two-year college.



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Myth



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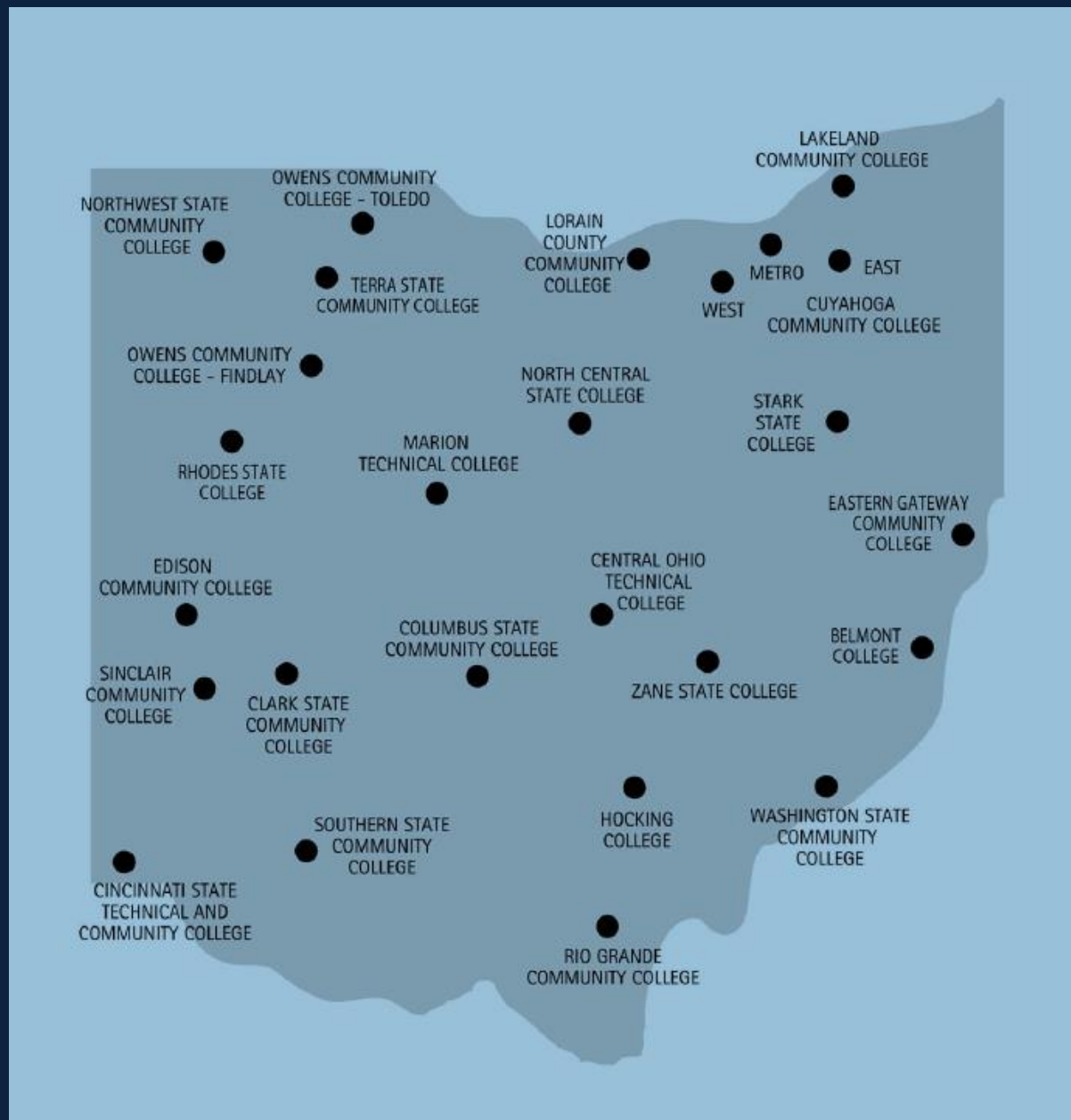
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Ohio's 23 state-assisted technical and community colleges



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Two-Year College Opportunities

- College Credit Plus and Articulation Agreements
- Technical Associate Degrees – an exceptional path to employment and/or a bachelor's degree
- Transient (guest) enrollment for students who are pursuing higher education out of the area
- Credit obtained for purpose of transferring
- Associate of Arts or Associate of Science – general education coursework towards a bachelor's degree



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Myth or Fact?

- Obtaining a community college degree is not as useful as a university degree.



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Myth

- More associate degree holders have their dream jobs.
- Associate degrees vs Bachelors.
- Associate degree holders exceed the salaries of Bachelors.
- 30% vs 26% .
- More advised to find their passions at a 2 year school.
- Experience at a 4 year vs a 2 year.



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General Facts

- 9 million undergraduates are enrolled in credit courses at community colleges in the United States. CCRC 2017
- Courses taken at a community colleges are of the same rigor as their comparable courses at four-year schools.
- Annual average salary for 2017 Ohio associate degree graduates six months past graduation was \$ \$41,496.

Smartasset 2017



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General Facts

- Employment for associate degree graduates is expected to grow by 23% over the next decade. OACC
- 60% of registered nurses graduated from an associate degree nursing program. 87% of these graduates passed the licensure exam on the first try. NACAC
- 40% of engineers earning a bachelors degree attended a community college. NACAC



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Myth or Fact?

- Students go to a two-year college, because they were not able to get into a four-year institution or cannot make it at a four year school.



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Myth

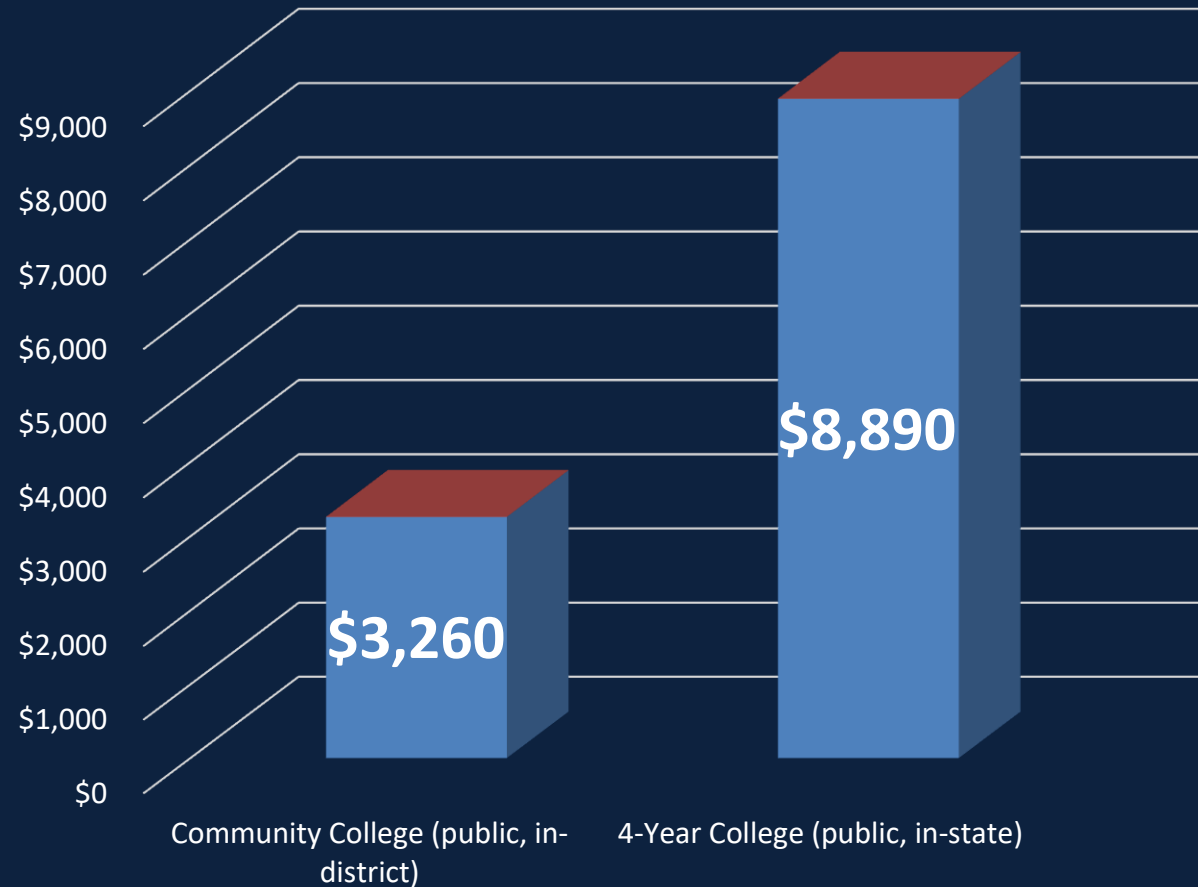
- 36% of all undergraduate students begin their studies at a two-year college. CCRC 2017
- According to Community College Review, students who begin at community colleges “tend to earn a higher GPA than students who begin their academic careers at a four-year university”.
- There are multiply pathways for students to consider and some choose two-year colleges.



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Average Annual Tuition



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Why students choose 2-year colleges

**Want to
save
money
and
reduce
debt**

**Want to complete a
career & technical
certificate or degree**

**Want an environment
where they get more
personal attention and
access to support
services and
resources**

**Want
smaller
class sizes
with more
instructor
interaction**

**Haven't
decided
if they
want a 4-
yr
degree**

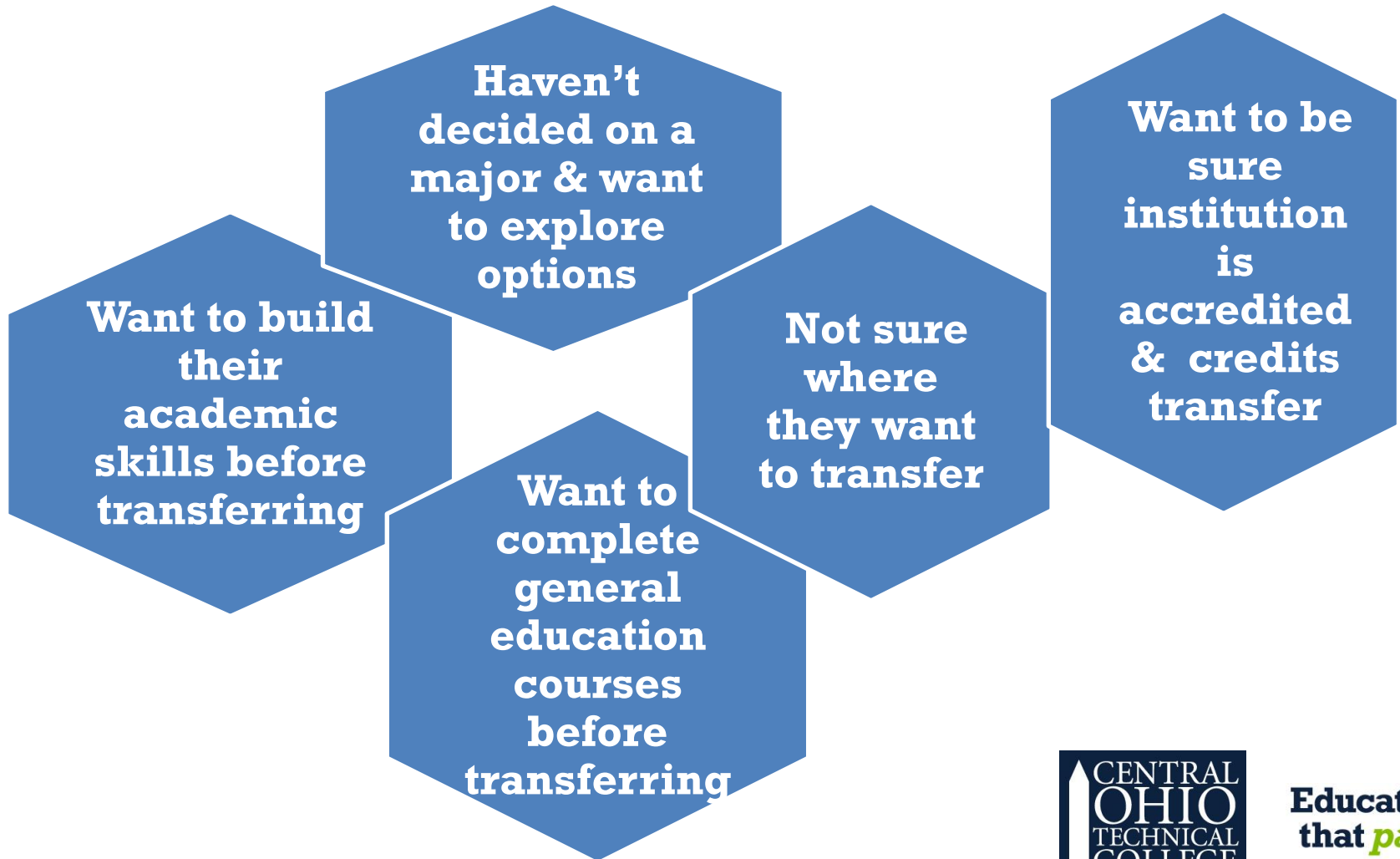
**Want to
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home or
locally**



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Reasons for Transfer



Transfer Hints

- Work closely with four-year destination
- Understand major requirements
- Use Ohio Board of Regents Transfer and Articulation Guide (TAGs) system

http://www.cotc.edu/cotc/atransfer_guides.asp



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Questions?



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Our Mission:

At Central Ohio Technical College (COTC) our mission is to meet the technical education and training needs of students and employers in the area.



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Why COTC?

13:1 student to teacher ratio

Local campuses for easier
access to courses

Over **400** full-time and
part-time faculty

The Gateway at COTC

Open admissions



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Over 40 Programs

- Business & Information Technology
- Engineering Technology
- Health Care
- Public Services & Safety
- One Year Certificates



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Outstanding Support Services

Disability Support Services

Math & Writing Labs

Personal Counseling

Resume and Interview Skills Assistance

Study Skills Development

Tutoring



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Affordability

\$179/credit hour

\$2,148/semester

\$10,740/degree

Next Generation Challenge

\$21 million scholarship campaign

48 new scholarships created



Students can save, on average, 33% in tuition for a four-year degree when beginning at COTC.



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Final Thoughts

Community colleges are one of Americas great social inventions a gateway to the future for first time students looking for an affordable college education, and for mid-career students looking to get ahead in the workplace.

-Barbara Mikulski



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Thank you!

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