

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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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

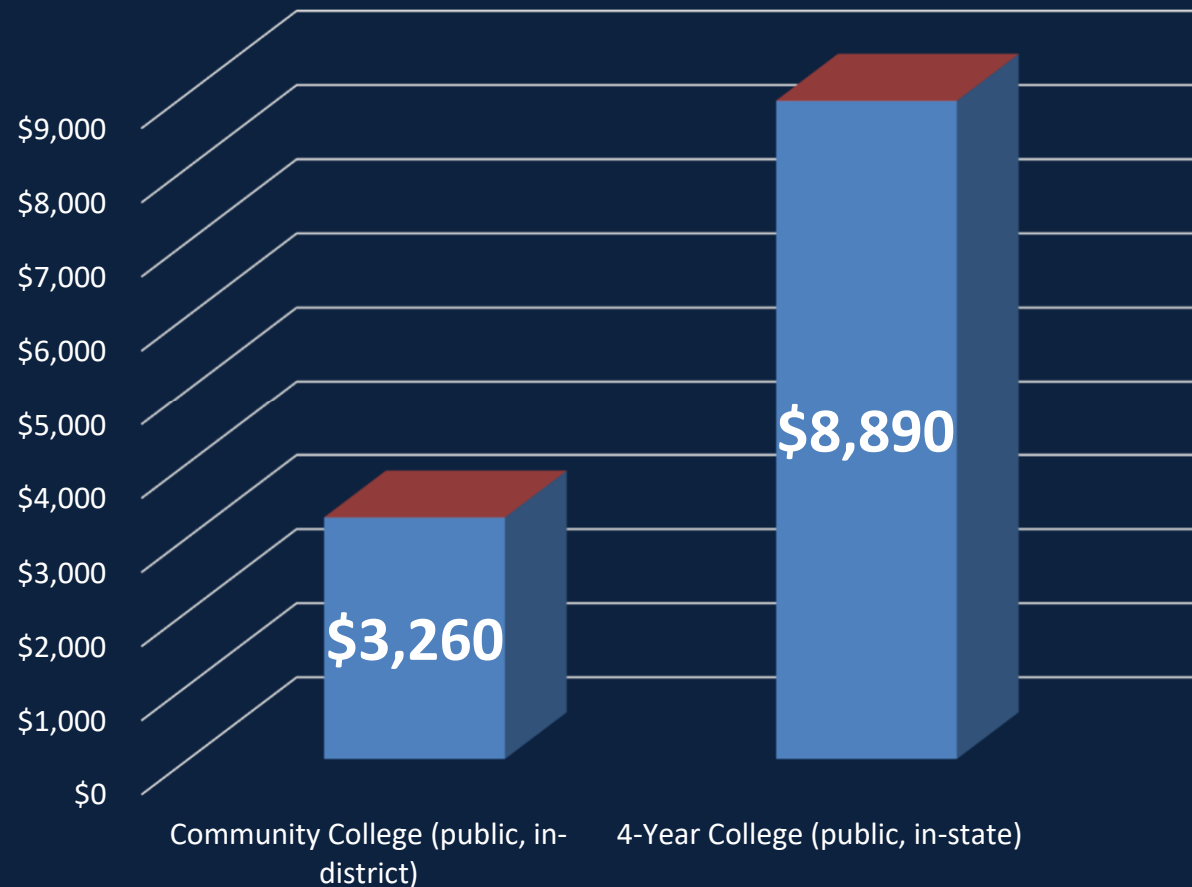
- 36% of all undergraduate students begin their studies at a two-year college. CCRC 2017
- According to Community College Review, students who begin at community colleges “tend to earn a higher GPA than students who begin their academic careers at a four-year university”.
- There are multiply pathways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



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Myth or Fact?

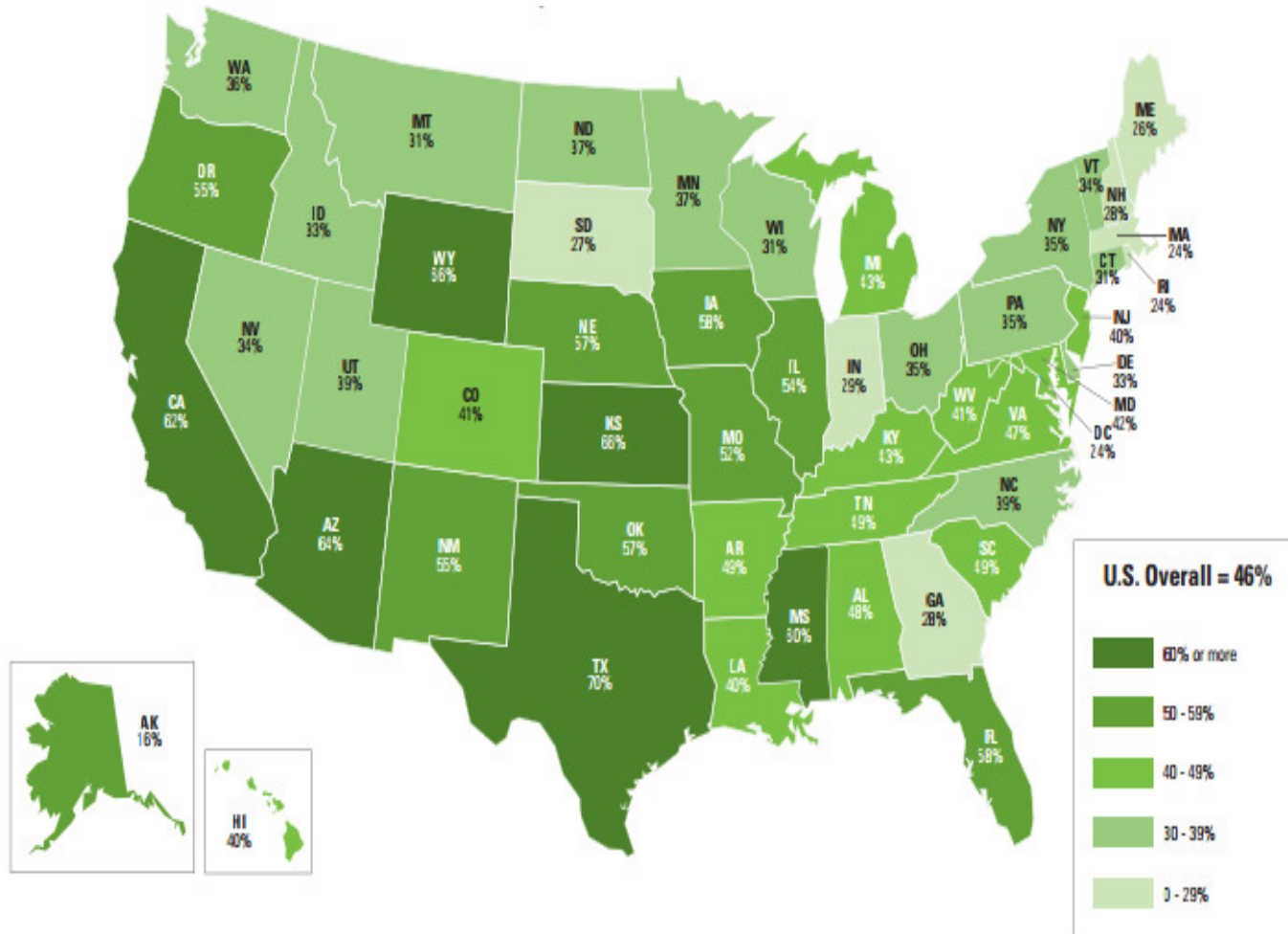
- **Community colleges are only for people who want a vocational technical job.**



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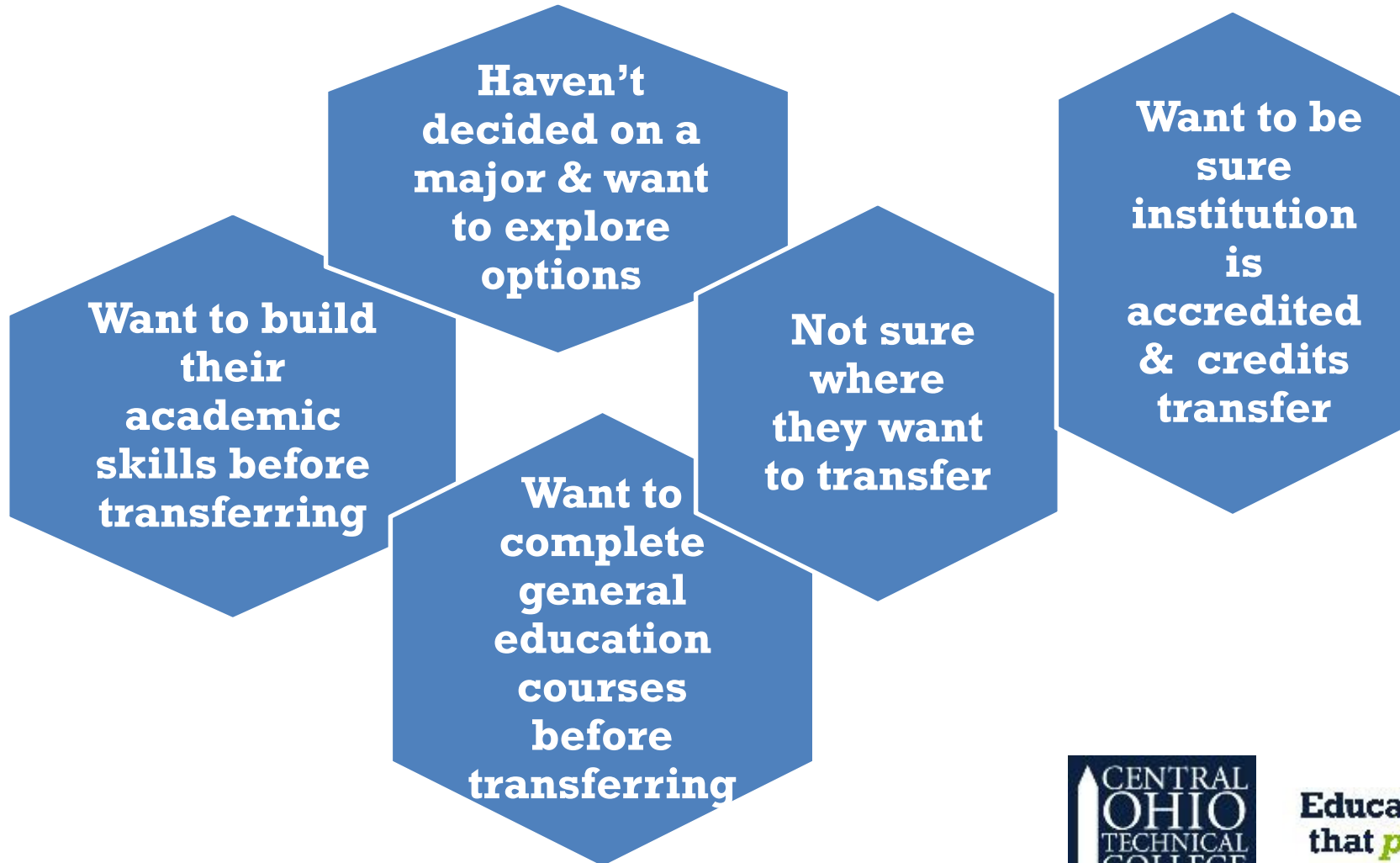
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Reasons for Transfer



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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

\$189/credit hour
\$2,268/semester
\$11,340/degree

\$985,000 in scholarships available
50+ scholarships
\$2,000 - Average scholarship awarded



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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