



STARK STATE COLLEGE

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PROFILE

Stark State College is committed to preparing our students for career success in a competitive, sophisticated economy. Our graduates are in demand by employers who recognize their high skill level and readiness to succeed.

Our students receive a high-quality education at an affordable cost. It's a formula that works, thanks to our

- dedicated, experienced faculty
- convenience, efficiency and affordability
- mission of access, student success and economic development.

Stark State is the largest of Stark County's colleges and universities, and the fourth largest of Ohio's 23 public two-year colleges in the University System of Ohio. We offer more than 230 associate degrees, majors and certificates in business, education, engineering technologies, health and public services, information technology, liberal arts, mathematics and sciences. We also are the second largest provider of College Credit Plus in the state, serving more than 3,500 high school students through dual enrollment annually.

The College awards associate of arts, associate of science, associate of applied science, associate of applied business and associate of technical studies degrees. Our wide range of short-term certificates help employees improve skills and gain a competitive edge in a marketplace of rapidly changing technology, and can lead to one-year certificates and associate degrees in a variety of fields.

Students often get their start at Stark State through our affordability and transferability. The associate of arts (AA) and associate of science (AS) degrees open pathways for graduates to pursue a baccalaureate degree in virtually any area of study.

Stark State offers a transfer module of 36-40 semester hours of credit courses guaranteed to transfer to all state-supported colleges and universities in Ohio. The College also has articulation agreements with more than 40 universities and colleges, allowing our students to move smoothly from associate degree programs into baccalaureate degree programs.

Not only does Stark State maintain a low tuition rate, our knowledgeable financial aid specialists help students explore the many grants, loans and scholarships that can help finance their education. More than half of all Stark State students have no out-of-pocket education expenses, thanks to scholarships and financial aid.

COMMITMENT

Stark State College is committed to the academic and career success of all students as well as the growth and economic prosperity of the communities we serve. We work to ensure we are preparing students for the workforce needs of today and tomorrow, as well as ensuring employers have access to our skilled graduates for the in-demand jobs they are trying to fill.

As it pertains to students, the College offers a wide variety of education and support services to ensure our students get what they need to succeed. We offer:

- **Qualified, dedicated faculty and small class sizes.** Stark State classes are small and faculty are easy to reach.
- **Academic and Gateway advisors.** Our academic and Gateway advisors assist students with class schedules and other issues and are always willing to meet with a student for other assistance. Gateway Center specialists can assist with everything from financial aid to registration. Gateway is a “one-stop” center, where all your needs are met promptly, efficiently and with serving you as our No. 1 goal.
- **Career Services.** Career Services specialists can assist students with career exploration and information. From the website to our staff, this office helps students understand careers, make career choices and prepare for a chosen career. Career Services also connect students and graduates with employment opportunities, apprenticeships and internships with companies and organizations in the region.

Stark State offers a variety of other services, activities and involvement beyond the classroom, including a student counselor, game room activities, student organizations and more.

The College also works closely with business and industry to ensure that the programs we offer meet the needs of a developing workforce. Not only do our programs rely on the business acumen and advice of advisory committees made up of local business leaders, our workforce training helps employers find skilled workers and train current workers on- and offsite.

CONTRIBUTIONS / EVENTS / SERVICES

Stark State College is the second largest provider of College Credit Plus in the state of Ohio. Students can graduate from college sooner by earning college and high school credit at the same time. The college credits you earn can be used to complete an associate of arts or associate of science degree at Stark State, which you can then transfer to any Ohio public university towards a bachelor’s degree.

Support Services available for all students (CCP included):

- Admissions/Registration
- Financial Aid (FAFSA/Grants/Loans/Scholarships)
- Holistic Advising
- Career Services (Thursday & Friday only)
- Disability Support Services/ Military Services
- Tutoring (Science/Writing/Math/English Learners Lab)
- Testing Labs
- Host ESOL courses in conjunction with Project Learn
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- College Store (Amazon model)

Another College Credit Plus program that was started by Stark State College and that is being replicated across the state is *Learn to Earn*. Through this innovative program, High school students earn college credits and industry-recognized credentials that lead to high-demand jobs in Information Technology, Medical Coding, HVACR, Automotive, Welding, and more. Students get to interact with employer partners, prepare for a 12-point industry credential that meets the high school graduation requirements. Stark State also has secured

funding through JP Morgan Chase & Co. for students to take a one-time credential exam (first-come, first-serve). All credits can be applied toward an associate degree and beyond after high school.

The College also has unique partnerships with other higher education institutions that provide students opportunities to take their associate degree further. One example is our Direct Connect program with the University of Akron. The program was developed for students intending to start at Stark State and then transition to the University of Akron for a Bachelor's degree. It creates a seamless transition for students and allows connection to the University prior to transferring there. The application fee for the University is waived and students begin working with advisors from both institutions in their first semester at Stark State, ensuring students stay on track and are enrolled in the best major to meet their career goals.

Another unique partnership exists with the University of Cincinnati and is a new opportunity for high school students to earn free college credits that will seamlessly transfer to an information technology Bachelor's degree and eventual Master's degree at the University of Cincinnati. Students can access 10 courses Stark State College's College Credit Plus Program, which will articulate into 27 credit hours at the University of Cincinnati. Participating students are extended a full-time paid, rotating, co-op. (average pay is \$14-15/Hour) and are required to co-op five semesters for a Bachelor's degree and two semesters for an associate degree. After graduating with a Bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati, students can get to work or take advantage of an opportunity for seamless transition into the University of Cincinnati's Master's degree program in Information Technology.

There are more than 30 articulation agreements that connect Stark State College to other higher education institutions for students to access and succeed in academics and career.