

TRANSFERRING TO A FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION

Many students who complete the Associate of Applied Business Degree, the Associate of Applied Science Degree, Associate of Arts, Associate of Science or the Associate of Technical Studies Degree at Rhodes State College wish to pursue a Bachelor's degree at a four-year institution. Students are urged to plan their academic careers carefully and in close consultation with the four-year college's admissions and academic advisors. Currently, transfer opportunities for graduates of Rhodes State College are provided by four methods:

1. Articulation Completion Agreements
2. Course by Course Transfer and Evaluation
3. Transfer Assurance Guides (TAG)
4. Ohio's Transfer Module

Articulation Completion Agreements (Bachelor Completion)

Rhodes State College has entered into agreements with a number of four-year colleges and universities by which graduates can transfer to one of those institutions to complete a baccalaureate degree. These agreements often provide two plus two transfer opportunities in specific programs, that is, the receiving institution accepts the two-year program which the student has completed at Rhodes State College as the first two years of the baccalaureate degree. The student then can complete the baccalaureate degree at the college or university. Students can receive additional information on these agreements and the participating institutions from the Office of Academic Affairs.

Course-By-Course Transfer and Evaluation

Students who do not take advantage of one of the Articulation Agreements can always apply for transfer to a four-year institution and have their coursework evaluated for transferability on a course-by-course basis by the receiving institution. Successful transfer of courses using this method requires careful planning on the part of the student. In particular, a student should consult early with the institution to which he/she wishes to transfer to determine the transferability of specific Rhodes State College courses. Although this option does not provide assurances of transferability as provided by the Ohio Transfer Module or the Articulation Agreements, it does allow flexibility for a student to select coursework that meets specific admission or program requirements of the receiving institution.

University System of Ohio

Rhodes State College is proud to be a part of The University System of Ohio. Transfer Assurance Guides (TAGs) have been created for a large number of courses within the system, allowing for seamless transfer of TAG-designated general education or technical courses.

Transfer Assurance Guides

Transfer Assurance Guides (TAGs) comprise Transfer Module courses and additional courses required for an academic major. A TAG is an advising tool to assist Ohio university and community and technical college students planning specific majors to make course selections that will ensure comparable, compatible, and equivalent learning

experiences across the state's higher-education system. Faculty teams have developed a number of area-specific TAG pathways in the arts, humanities, business, communication, education, health, mathematics, science, engineering, engineering technologies, and the social sciences.

TAGs empower students to make informed course selection decisions and plans for their future transfer. Advisors at the institution to which a student wishes to transfer should also be consulted during the transfer process. Students may elect to complete the full TAG or any subset of courses from the TAG. Because of specific major requirements, early identification of a student's intended major is encouraged.

Each TAG approved course is identified in the Course Descriptions section of this catalog with TAG at the end of the course description. Students may also visit the Ohio Department of Higher Education Transfer Assurance Guide website and complete a search for all TAG courses for Rhodes State College.

Ohio Transfer Module

While all state-assisted colleges and universities are required to follow the Ohio Articulation and Transfer Policy, independent colleges and universities in Ohio may or may not participate in the transfer policy. Therefore, students interested in transferring to independent institutions are encouraged to check with the college or university of their choice regarding transfer agreements. In support of improved articulation and transfer processes, the Ohio Department of Higher Education established a transfer clearinghouse to receive, annotate, and convey transcripts among state-assisted colleges and universities. This system is designed to provide standardized information and help colleges and universities reduce undesirable variability in the transfer credit evaluation process.

The Ohio Department of Higher Education's Transfer and Articulation Policy established the Transfer Module, which is a subset or entire set of a college or university's general education curriculum in A.A., A.S. and baccalaureate degree programs. Students in applied associate degree programs may complete some individual transfer module courses within their degree program or continue beyond the degree program to complete the entire transfer module. The Transfer Module contains 36-40 semester hours of course credit in English composition (minimum 3 semester hours); mathematics, statistics and formal/symbolic logic (minimum of 3 semester hours); arts/humanities (minimum 6 semester hours); social and behavioral sciences (minimum of 6 semester hours); and natural sciences (minimum 6 semester hours). Oral communication and interdisciplinary areas may be included as additional options. Additional elective hours from among these areas make up the total hours for a completed Transfer Module. Courses for the Transfer Module should be 1000 and 2000-level general education courses commonly completed in the first two years of a student's course of study. Each state-assisted university, technical and community college is required to establish and maintain an approved Transfer Module.

Transfer Module course(s) or the full module completed at one college or university will automatically meet the requirements of individual Transfer Module course(s) or the full Transfer Module at another college or university once the student is admitted. Students may be required, however, to meet additional general education requirements at the institution to which they transfer. For example, a student who completes the Transfer Module at Institution S (sending institution) and then transfers to Institution R (receiving institution) is said to have completed the Transfer Module portion of Institution R's general education program. Institution R, however, may have general education courses that go beyond its Transfer Module. State policy initially required that all courses

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in the Transfer Module be completed to receive its benefit in the transfer. However, subsequent policy revisions have extended this benefit to the completion of individual Transfer Module courses on a course-by-course basis.