OU and OCC expand transfer articulation agreements

Health Sciences, Nursing and Social Work added to partnership between schools to benefit transfer students
Oakland University and Oakland Community College leaders have signed new articulation agreements that will benefit even more students at both schools.

The objectives of the newest agreements include helping transition qualified students from OCC to OU in pursuit of Health Sciences, Nursing and Social Work bachelor’s degrees. The agreements are effective through October 31, 2023 and subject to review for continuation after the initial five years.

The agreements increase the amount of transfer credits for all three degrees and ensure seamless movement of students between schools by offering course equivalencies that transfer to OU. Time-to-degree is extremely important, and with these expanding articulation agreements, students are only paying for courses they need. If students know they want to earn a four-year degree, the entire plan is laid out for them so they know the endpoint when they sign up for their first course at OCC.

“These newest articulation agreements build on the solid foundation we have between schools and offer even more opportunities for students to have straightforward degree paths, utilizing the benefits that both OCC and OU can offer,” said Dawn Aubry, Director Undergraduate Admissions at Oakland University.

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Oakland Community College Dr. Cathey Maze added, “Today’s expanded articulation agreement signing opens the door for even more OCC students who want to continue their education and earn four-year degrees. By coming together and empowering our students in this way, we provide a pathway to greater achievement in our commitment to excellence in education, student success and economic growth of our region.”

Specifically, the agreement supports students:

1. **Earning an associate degree in Applied Science - Mental Health/Social Work at Oakland Community College to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Social Work degree at Oakland University.** Students can earn 72 credits from OCC and only have 52 credits left
OU's bachelor's degree.

2. **Earning an associate degree in Applied Science - Nursing at Oakland Community College to continue in pursuit of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Oakland University.** Students can earn 63 credits from OCC for completion of their associate’s degree in nursing. An additional 30 credits will be awarded for successfully passing the NCLEX-RN, for a total of 93 credits. Then, students will have only 32 credits left to earn the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at OU.

3. **Earning an associate degree in Applied Science - Health Related at Oakland Community College to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Applied Health Sciences at Oakland University.** Students can earn 84 credits from OCC and only have 40 credits left to earn OU’s Bachelor of Applied Health Sciences under the new agreement.

Oakland Community College students consistently make up the largest numbers of transfer students to Oakland University. In 2017, 28 percent of OU transfer students came from OCC. Interestingly, in the 2017-2018 academic year, 22 percent of Oakland University graduates had attended OCC during their academic journey.

In addition, Oakland also offers the [Transfer Admission Guarantee](https://oakland.edu/transfer-admission-guarantee) to OCC and Macomb Community College transfer students. For more info about TAG, visit oakland.edu/trans

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Oakland was founded on the premise that everyone deserves access to an exceptional education — and all the valuable opportunities that come with it. In addition to the Transfer Admission Guarantee, OU offers the following scholarships for community college transfer students:

- **Presidential Transfer Award: $10,000 for two years ($5,000 per year)**

Awarded to new transfer students from a Michigan community college with a GPA of 3.80 or higher and 56 or more transferable credits. Note that 56 transferable credits must be earned by the scholarship deadline.
• Phi Theta Kappa Award: $5,000 for two years ($2,500 per year)

Awarded to new community college transfer students with a GPA of 3.80 or above and 24-55 transferable credits, OR with a GPA of 3.50-3.79 and 24 or more transferable credits. Also awarded to new transfer students from a four-year college or university with a GPA of 3.50 or higher and 24 or more transferable credits. Note that 24 transferable credits must be earned by the scholarship deadline.

• Talented Transfer Award: $2,000 for two years ($1,000 per year)

Awarded to new transfer students with a college GPA of 3.0-3.49 and 24 or more transferable credits. Note that 24 transferable credits must be earned by the scholarship deadline.

• OU Transfer Grant: $2,000 for two years ($1,000 per year)

Beginning in Winter 2019 Oakland University will offer the OU Transfer Grant to incoming transfer students with demonstrated financial need. This grant is awarded to new transfer students with an estimated family contribution (EFC) of $0 (as determined by completion of the FAFSA), and 24 or more transferable credits. Eligible incoming transfer students will automatically be considered for this need-based grant.