



Agreement Regarding Oiler Express – Dual (Joint) Admission to Owens Community College and the University of Findlay

Background

Owens Community College (Owens) and University of Findlay (Findlay) have a history of working together to support educational opportunity and degree attainment, particularly for students from northwest Ohio.

The leadership of Owens and Findlay believe that the combined resources of the two institutions can together provide the necessary support to establish additional practices and projects to enhance student success and achieve the specific enrollment goals and academic missions of both Findlay and Owens.

Both institutions have demonstrated a commitment to increasing the number of students who complete degree programs and in turn, enhance the quality of their lives and provide economic benefits to northwest Ohio.

Objective

This non-binding Agreement shall set forth the actions that Owens and Findlay take to:

- Develop a Dual (Joint) Admission pathway so that students enrolled in associate degree programs at Owens can be considered for guaranteed admission into baccalaureate degree programs at Findlay;
- Define the student population(s) eligible and not eligible for Dual (Joint) Admission;
- Share and transcript student data, with appropriate permission, from Owens to Findlay to provide seamless and timely transfer of credits at the conclusion of each semester;
- Share and transcript student data, with appropriate permission, from Findlay to Owens at the conclusion of each semester to ensure each student in the program earns a degree from Owens;
- Determine the policies and guidelines by which prospective and enrolled student information will be communicated between and among their respective institutions;
- Share the admission denial list each semester from Findlay to Owens to encourage students to enter the Findlay Express Program;
- Share the list of graduates each semester from Owens to Findlay; and
- Identify joint opportunities and programs to support students' successful transition from Owens to Findlay.

Eligibility for Dual (Joint) Admission

Students pursuing associate's degrees at Owens will be guaranteed admission to Findlay with waiver of the application fee, provided they satisfy the following eligibility requirements:

- Have earned a high school diploma or equivalent;
- Meet all academic requirements for transfer admission, including but not limited to:
 - Maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average for all post-secondary coursework OR
 - Earn an associate's degree from Owens;
- Enroll at Findlay within 3 years of beginning coursework at Owens;
- Do not attend any post-secondary institution after graduating from Owens and before enrolling at Findlay to complete a baccalaureate degree; and
- Complete all other regular admissions requirements as determined by and to the satisfaction of Findlay.

Students who have previously been enrolled in degree or certificate programs at Findlay after graduation from high school are not eligible for Dual Admission.

In order to facilitate the Dual (Joint) Admission program, Owens and Findlay will work together to determine policy and procedure regarding:

1. Communications to students and their families – both institutions will develop joint publications, promotions, and websites that are co-branded and approved by both institutions;
2. Transfer of credits – to include the release of Owens student transcripts each semester after grades are posted;
3. Academic advising – both institutions will make available advisors and advising resources to support students' timely and efficient degree completion;
4. Financial aid – both institutions will comply with federal and state guidelines regarding Title IV and other aid programs, including those that guide concurrent enrollment and consortium agreements;
5. Scholarships – students' eligibility for institutional scholarships will be handled by their respective institutions; both schools have the option of creating targeted specialized programs to support and promote student enrollment and degree completion;
6. Recruitment and related activities and promotions – will be created to the satisfaction of both institutions;
7. Institutional reporting and data analysis – institutions will follow all institutional, state, and federal requirements and conditions; and
8. Evaluation and assessment of the Dual (Joint) Admission program – designated officials from both institutions will meet at least once each calendar year to evaluate the success of the program.

Findlay and Owens will appoint and charge the appropriate individuals from their respective institutions to develop a comprehensive Dual (Joint) Admission program. The intent is to have the policy and procedures in place to allow for student recruitment, admission, and enrollment beginning with the Summer 2019 semester.

Duration of Agreement

This Agreement expires March 28, 2023. Either institution may discontinue this Agreement by providing 180 days' notice in writing to the other institution. Both institutions agree to confer concerning this Agreement prior to March 28, 2023 and determine if it should be renewed or extended.

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