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**Cincinnati State & partners reaching out to students  
impacted by ITT Tech shutdown**

Cincinnati State and its partner schools in public adult education have a message for students affected by the shutdown of ITT Tech: don't give up on higher education.

"These students have clearly shown they understand that the path to a better career starts with education," said Robbin Hoopes, interim provost for Cincinnati State. "We want to do everything we can to help them stay on the path to success."

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On September 6, ITT Tech announced it was shutting down its 130 campuses nationwide, including its Norwood campus. The shutdown came after the U.S. government banned the school from using federal financial aid to enroll new students. Another local for-profit college, Brown Mackie College, has also shut down admissions.

To assist students impacted by for-profit college shutdowns, Cincinnati State is offering free educational coaching and a review of their academic credits, career goals and financial aid status. A special contact number has been designated within Cincinnati State where students may call to receive guidance and referrals — 513-569-1738.

Cincinnati State's goal will be to help students transition into an affordable education pathway at Cincinnati State or one of Ohio's Career Technical Centers such as Butler Tech and Great Oaks, so they can resume progress toward their chosen career field.

"We believe the students will be surprised by the range of short-term and two-year programs offered by Cincinnati State and the Ohio Career Technical Centers," said Amy Waldbillig, vice president of workforce development for Cincinnati State. "We

believe the students will also be surprised by the affordability of our programs when compared to for-profit colleges."

Cincinnati State is the region's largest community and technical college, with campuses in Cincinnati, Middletown and Harrison. It offers more than 130 associate degree and certificate programs.

Many of Cincinnati State's programs overlap with local for-profit college offerings at ITT Tech and Brown Mackie, including information technology, cybersecurity, engineering and electrical technologies, drafting and design, business management and accounting, nursing and medical assisting, paralegal studies, early childhood education, and criminal justice.

Cincinnati State also offers many others degree and certificate programs, including culinary, surveying, CNC machining, welding, aviation maintenance, graphic design, other health care professions, and preparation for students interested in transferring on to a 4-year college.

In addition, Cincinnati State works closely with the Ohio Career Technical Centers in the region, such as Butler Tech and Great Oaks.

Butler Tech Adult Education has campuses in Hamilton and Liberty Township. Its adult career programs include CDL (truck driver) training; healthcare including medical assisting, medical billing and coding and practical nursing; industry including advanced manufacturing, industrial technology, HVAC and refrigeration, and welding; and public safety including basic police academy; fire rescue academy; paramedic academy and EMT.

"Butler Tech and our partners at Cincinnati State are ready to put students from ITT Tech back on a stable path to bettering themselves through career-focused education", said Jon Graft, Superintendent and CEO of Butler Tech. "Butler Tech has more than 40 years of experience transforming the lives of adult learners in our accredited programs with demonstrated results in program completion, skill attainment and job placement."

Great Oaks offers adult career training in dozen fields at its campuses in Dent, Sharonville, and Milford. Students can take evening courses to prepare for careers in dental assisting, electro-mechanical maintenance technology, heavy equipment operations, auto and diesel mechanics, and other fields. Some programs offer college credit through college partnerships, including several that lead directly into Cincinnati State programs.

"Southwest Ohio has outstanding affordable public options for adults who want to begin a new career or advance in their current profession," said Great Oaks Adult Workforce Development Director Carol Gittinger. "Because we're locally based, we can work with business and industry to provide training for in-demand careers in our area and beyond."

Cincinnati State, Great Oaks, and Butler Tech have established several pathways where students can begin their education at Great Oaks/Butler Tech and continue at Cincinnati State. For example, a student might complete the basic police academy at Butler Tech and transfer those credits towards an Associate of Technical Studies degree in Law Enforcement at Cincinnati State.

"There are many options students can choose from in terms of their educational pathway," Hoopes said. "Our goal will be to help them find and complete an affordable path that is best suited to their future."

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