

GUIDE TO COLLEGE ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID



Art Academy of Cincinnati

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PLANNING YOUR FUTURE

While starting college may not be on the immediate horizon, it is important to plan for college now. It is never too early to begin the academic and financial preparation. Through this Guide, you (and those helping students) should be able to find everything needed to prepare for college, from 7th grade through 12th grade. In addition, the contacts and other information will provide access to area institutions and their academic programs.

The Greater Cincinnati Collegiate Connection (GC3), on behalf of its member institutions, is pleased to present the third edition of the GC3 Guide to College Admissions and Financial Aid. We hope this Guide will become an indispensable resource for students in Greater Cincinnati interested in college, plus counselors, teachers, parents, clergy, mentors, and anyone else interested in helping our young people be successful in their educational pursuits.

Some sources estimate in the next century, approximately 75% of the available jobs will require some post-secondary training, and the vast majority of those will require no less than a baccalaureate degree. Not only will postsecondary training help ensure job availability, but it has financial **implications as well. A person earning an associate degree will likely earn 20% more than someone with a high school diploma, and a person with a bachelor's degree, over 79% more than one with a high school diploma** (U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplement).

We hope you will find this Guide helpful. The member institutions of GC3 are here to assist you in achieving your goals.

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KNOWING THE WORDS

There seems to be a whole new language when you start looking at college. To help you understand the words, a number are defined here:

Advanced Placement (AP) – Credit for introductory college courses based on demonstrated knowledge of content; student eligible to take the advanced course. Earn credit by taking an exam. Credit awarded is determined by exam score. Students pay a fee to take the exam. Check with your colleges/universities to insure they accept AP credit and the criteria.

Application – All students must complete an Application for Admission. Admission staff use the information to determine whether a student meets the criteria to be accepted to the college/university.

Application Fee – In most cases, college/universities charge a fee to apply to their institution. This fee indicates the student is serious about attending the institution and is not applying with no intent to accept a spot. Under some circumstances, the Application Fee may be waived.

ASSET/COMPASS – Tests for college-level English and math placement.

Cincinnati National College Fair – Fall event at the Convention Center featuring representatives from area and national colleges and universities. The Cincinnati National College Fair may be a virtual experience Fall 2021.

College Credit Plus (Ohio)/ Dual Credit (Kentucky)– a high school partners with a local college/university to offer college level courses taught at the high school. The syllabus is approved by the college/university and the student receives both high school and college credit for completing the course. Check with your colleges/universities to insure they accept dual credit and the criteria (C or above). May be more expensive than AP, however easier to earn.

College Entrance Examinations – Standardized tests needed to apply to many college programs; often given at test centers on specific test dates; often requires preregistration; examples include the following:

- **ACT (American College Test)** – Test of English, mathematics, reading, and science reasoning. The ACT may include a writing component. Some institutions require the writing component while others do not.
- **PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)** – Practice test for the SAT test.
- **SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test)** – Test of verbal and mathematical abilities.

College Level Examination Program (CLEP) – Credit for introductory college courses through exams.

Common Application – A platform allowing a student to essentially apply to several institutions by completing a single application. Once you complete the application, you can select the participating school to send the application to.

Cost of Attendance – All colleges/universities are to publicize their estimated “cost of attendance” which is the cost beyond tuition. The Cost of Attendance includes the cost of tuition, fees, housing and is broken down into in-state and out of state.

Course Delivery Options:

- **In-person** – the instructor and the student are in the same room.
- **Synchronous** - Professors and students are still “together” at the same time in a virtual environment (Zoom/Google/Teams). The delivery mode will vary by college/university.
- **Asynchronous** - Students will be able to work at their own pace by viewing recorded lectures or individual readings. Very little interaction with the instructor.
- **Hybrid** - Combination of in-person and online instruction.
- **Hybrid- Flex** - Combination of in-person and online where students can choose the mode, they want to learn in.

DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival) – Students applying under the DACA Program should be aware their application process may be different than the process for regular admission to the college/university. Prospective students should check with Admission and/or International Students Services staff to insure they are following the current process for Admission.

Dual Enrollment – Admitting students of superior ability into college courses and programs before they have completed the standard high school program.

KNOWING THE WORDS (cont'd)

Early Decision – Application process well in advance of the normal spring application dates in which a commitment is made by the student who, if admitted, the student will enroll at the institution.

Financial Aid – Grants, scholarships, work-study, and loans provided to help cover the cost of college.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – Application for federal student financial aid; often used to apply for state and college aid as well; processed free of charge; available from high school and college offices or online at www.fafsa.ed.gov each January 1 for the upcoming year.

Grade Point Average – Academic performance indicator.

Grants – Need-based financial aid; not repaid.

Job Shadowing – Spending time with someone at their worksite to see what their job involves; used to help in career decision making.

Loan – Financial aid which must be repaid, usually with interest; repayment often begins after college.

Open Admission – All students who complete the application and have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent are admitted to the degree programs.

Pass/Fail – A grading option typically used in colleges and universities in which a passing grade is awarded for C level work and above and a Failing grade is awarded to below C level work. Considering the COVID-19 pandemic, to assist students in adjusting to on-line courses, many colleges/universities switched to a pass/fail grading system for many courses.

PLAN – Tenth grade assessment program from ACT to help students improve college planning and preparation; contains academic tests, interest inventory, and study skills assessment.

Pronouns - Gender pronouns are wording an individual would like others to use when talking to or about them. The most used pronouns are “he, him, his” and “she, her, hers.” Transgender or gender nonconforming people may choose to use pronouns which do not conform to binary male/female gender categorizations, such as “they, them, theirs.”

Rolling Admission – Applications reviewed, and decisions made throughout the year.

Residency – The state a student lives in will impact their tuition rate at public institutions. There are certain requirements for a student to meet residency requirements.

Scholarship – Merit or need-based financial aid; not repaid.

Test Optional – During the COVID-19 pandemic, many colleges/universities are not requiring students to submit an ACT/SAT score for admission. They may be admitted to the college, however there may be program or scholarships test score requirements.

Transcript – Official record of high school or college courses and grades; generally required as part of the college application.

Weighted Grades – Many high schools offer Honors level courses for which the grades in those courses receive extra “weight” in the students’ gpa.

Work Based Learning – Internships, cop-op, and other forms of Work Based Learning are sometimes required for students to graduate. Work experience can also serve as a bridge between college and employment upon graduation. This is not considered part of a financial aid package, but some do have a stipend or other payment involved.

Work-Study – Student employment program offered as part of a financial aid package.

FINDING THE RESOURCES

You are not alone in your search for your future. Many organizations, agencies, companies, and foundations exist to help you prepare for higher education. Local, state, and national resources available to today's students are abundant. While just a few are listed here, you can find additional resources through a guidance counselor, your local library, or the Internet.

ACT – ACT, Inc., is an independent, not-for-profit organization providing more than a hundred assessment, research, information, and program management services. They can help students in the broad areas of educational and career planning. [ACT](http://www.act.org) (www.act.org)

Cincinnati Youth Collaborative – The CYC helps students realize their full potential and become strong members of their community. CYC offers a variety of programs such as mentoring, tutoring, HOSTS, Taft Career Academics, Partners in Education, College Information Center, and Educational Talent Search. [Cincinnati Youth Collaborative](http://www.cycyouth.org) (www.cycyouth.org)

College Board – The College Board is a national association providing resources to students, parents, and counselors regarding opportunities in higher education. The website offers information regarding college planning, tips for taking SAT/PSAT/NMSQT, searching for the right college, and paying for college. [College Board](http://www.collegeboard.com) (www.collegeboard.com)

Educational Testing Service (ETS) – ETS is a private educational organization responsible for such testing programs as AP (Advanced Placement) and CLEP (College Level Examination Program). It also conducts research on a variety of educational levels and issues. [Educational Testing Service](http://www.ets.org) (www.ets.org)

FastWeb – This website acts as a clearinghouse for applications to many colleges and universities as well as a central database of scholarship opportunities. [FastWeb](http://www.fastweb.com) (www.fastweb.com)

GC3 Degree Finder - Searchable database housing degree program information for all GC3 member institutions. Students and parents can search for specific degree programs offered at any of the GC3 members or for all programs offered by a specific institution. The search results include a link to each program's webpage on its respective institution's website. [GC3 Degree Finder](#).

Mapping Your Future – Information on career planning, college selection and financial aid is clearly laid out on this website designed for middle and high school students and their parents. [Mapping Your Future](http://www.mapping-your-future.org) (www.mapping-your-future.org)

Ohio Appalachian Center for Higher Education – Established by the Ohio General Assembly in 1993, this consortium of 10 public colleges and universities within the 29 county Appalachian region of Ohio works to increase the level of education attained by residents in this region. [Ohio Appalachian Center for Higher Education](http://www.oache.org) (www.oache.org)

Ohio Association for College Admission Counseling – OACAC is a statewide organization serving high school guidance counselors, college admission representatives, and any other person or group interacting with students regarding access to post-secondary education. [Ohio Association for College Admission Counseling](http://www.oacac.org) (www.oacac.org)

Ohio Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators – OASFAA provides information to students, parents, and guidance counselors regarding the availability of financial aid resources within the State of Ohio. [Ohio Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators](http://www.oasfaa.org) (www.oasfaa.org)

Ohio Board of Regents – The Regents have a direct, non-governing relationship with all of Ohio's colleges and universities. Working in partnership with Ohio's higher education community, the Regents lobby for higher education funding, promote the importance of a college education, and administer state aid programs. [Ohio Board of Regents](http://regents.ohio.gov) (regents.ohio.gov)

Ohio TRiO – Ohio TRiO is a community of professionals committed to helping students who want to achieve success in school and life. They work with TRiO programs to help participants prepare for and succeed in postsecondary education. Their participants come from low-income and working families and most will be members of the first generation in their family to attend college. [Ohio TRiO](http://www.ohiotrio.org) (www.ohiotrio.org)

Strive: Cincinnati - Northern Kentucky - Strive is a collection of community leaders representing the education, business, faith, nonprofit, philanthropic, and civic sectors of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky who are committed to providing a world-class education to every child in the urban core of Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. [Strive: Home](http://www.strivetgether.org) (www.strivetgether.org).

FINDING THE RESOURCES (cont.)

Tech Prep Consortium of Southwest Ohio – College Tech Prep combines the best of college prep and advanced technical education to create a high school and college pathways to high tech career success. Programs focus on biotechnology, health, engineering, automotive, business and information technologies. [Greater Cincinnati Tech Prep](http://www.techprepswohio.org) (www.techprepswohio.org)

Urban League of Greater Cincinnati – The Urban League offers a wide range of services designed to strengthen the African American community at all levels including education. [Urban League of Greater Southwetsren Ohioi](http://www.ulgso.org) (www.ulgso.org)

U.S. Department of Education – The U.S. Department of Education provides students an easy gateway to government information. This website contains several printable documents parents, students, and counselors can use as reference materials when planning for college. [US Department of Education](http://www2.ed.gov/students/landing.jhtml) (<http://www2.ed.gov/students/landing.jhtml>)

COLLEGE PREP CURRICULUM

If you are planning to go to college, it is important to take the right classes in high school. Giving yourself a strong base will prepare you for college courses which cover more material in less time than high school classes.

NOTE: Some colleges and universities may require fewer years in some subjects than we have recommended here, but for a strong preparation, the following coursework is recommended.

English (4 years required) – Taking college prep English throughout high school is required no matter what your college or career interest. This will give you the skills you will need in areas of literature and writing.

Math (4 years) – Students who take math each year of high school are far more successful in college than students taking only three years. Algebra and geometry form the foundation for the advanced math and science courses colleges want their students to take. Solid math coursework gives students the skills they need to succeed in college entrance exams, college classes, and their future careers.

Science (3 years of lab sciences) – Even if you do not plan to pursue a science-related field, these courses are recommended and will prove valuable in your college preparation as well as everyday life.

Social Studies (3 years) – These courses give you the ability to understand and contribute to the world in which you live.

Foreign Language (2 years) – Many colleges require their students to study a foreign language for at least two years, and some prefer three or four years of one language. Taking a foreign language shows a student is serious and willing to learn the basics. It also puts you a leg up for any future language studies. Increasingly, employers are also looking for foreign language skills as our world is becoming smaller and our communities more diverse.

Art (1 year of a visual or performing art) – Choose from classes where you study, create, or perform art, music, theater, or dance. Many colleges view participation in the arts and music as a valuable experience which broadens students' understanding and appreciation of the world around them. It is also well known and widely recognized the arts contribute significantly to intellectual development.

Computer Science – Basic computer skills are now essential for your future in college and beyond. More and more jobs require at least a basic knowledge of computers. Take advantage of any opportunities your school offers to learn computer skills.

A strong preparation goes beyond the basics laid out here. Many colleges will require students to meet certain curriculum standards depending on the chosen major. Also, just meeting the minimum is not necessarily the best way to prepare for college. You want to focus your time in college on college-level courses, not remedial ones designed to help you catch up or review high school level material. A solid college prep curriculum means going beyond the minimum. There is no substitute for taking challenging courses and working hard.

TIPS FOR HELPING STUDENTS

Parents, guardians, and other adults should be partners with the student when decisions are being made about high school course selection. The more involved you become in preparing the student's high school curriculum, the better.

1. Familiarize yourself with college and work requirements.
2. Explore the variety of courses offered at your high school.
3. Help gather information about careers of interest to the student and review the educational requirements for each career.
4. Discuss the classes preferred or requested by the student.
5. Contact the guidance office with any questions you may have about high school requirements and options. Guidance counselors can refer you to many reference and resource materials.

Your role is extremely important in setting a good example and monitoring your student's behavior. Daily attendance is a top priority for the student's success in high school, college, and employment. Insist students be prepared for each day with completed assignments, appropriate schoolbooks, necessary fees/lunch money, and an openness to learning. Be proactive in the educational process and help create your student's future.

GETTING PREPARED

While you may not be starting college next year, it is important you begin planning for college now. Remember, you cannot begin academic and financial preparation too early.

The various tasks listed below, by grade level, are the most important things you can do to get prepared to apply for college your senior year. Ask adults at school, home or in your community to help you if needed. Review the list as you move through high school to make sure you are on track.

7th & 8th Grade

- Develop good study habits.
- Establish good basic skills in reading, writing, math, and science.
- Get involved in school and community activities.
- Work with family on a financial plan for college.
- Explore careers by job shadowing or interview someone you know.
- Sign up for field trips to local colleges and universities.
- Take advantage of local college programs for 7th and 8th graders.

Freshman & Sophomore Year

- Become familiar with college entrance requirements.
- Work with parents, teachers, and counselors to create a four-year high school curriculum plan to satisfy your goals and college entrance requirements.
- Take courses at the most challenging level you can.
- Continue exploring career options.
- Consider taking college entrance exams such as ACT and PSAT/NMSQT.
- Get involved in academic organizations, sports, and extracurricular and community activities.
- Start saving for college from part-time and summer jobs.
- Talk with college students and graduates about their college experiences.

In your final two years of high school, planning for college becomes even more involved. You will need to concentrate efforts as you near college and the decision-making process.

GETTING PREPARED (cont.)

Junior Year (Fall)

- Attend Cincinnati National College Fair.
- Attend college nights and begin collecting information about colleges.
- Identify college admissions requirements and application deadline dates.
- Collect scholarship information for application requirements and deadline dates.
- Continue taking academically challenging courses.
- Find out about required entrance exams such as ACT and SAT.
- Take PSAT or ACT test.
- Review test results with counselor.
- Register for spring ACT and SAT.

Junior Year (Spring)

- Prepare for and take ACT and/or SAT.
- Identify important factors in choosing a college (i.e., majors and programs offered, interests, talents).
- List colleges you are considering and collect information.
- Visit colleges.
- Select teachers, counselors, or employers who would be willing to write letters of recommendation to your college and to scholarship organizations in the fall of your senior year.

Senior Year (Fall)

- Compile a list of activities, honors, and community service for applications.
- Narrow your college choices, making visits to each (2 to 5 colleges is a good rule of thumb).
- Pick up Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) from guidance office, usually available in December.
- Contact financial aid office of colleges you are considering asking about college scholarships and deadlines.
- Follow-up on scholarship resources collected during the junior year.
- Get updated information on and apply for private scholarships.
- Apply early to colleges as some programs may be limited; pay attention to deadlines (usually December 1 - March 1).
- Determine if colleges you are considering have additional financial aid forms.
- Retake ACT and/or SAT, if needed.
- Have parents assist you with applying for financial aid as early as possible beginning in January of senior year.
- Review financial aid packages offered by schools; talk with schools and understand fully the school's offer, your responsibilities for repaying any aid, and any remaining portion of your bill.

Senior Year (Spring)

- Assess what aid sources are renewable and which are just for your first year.
- Decide on the college which best meets your needs.
- Apply for college housing, if applicable.
- Notify all colleges of your decision by May 1, the National Candidates Reply Date.

GC3 COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Though students from Greater Cincinnati do attend colleges and universities all over the U.S., many prefer to attend institutions in the local region. The GC3 member institutions collectively offer almost any kind of post-secondary program available. From short term certificate programs to associate, bachelor's, and graduate and professional degrees, students can study hundreds of different academic areas. For those who need or want to go to college locally, it is all here!

ART ACADEMY OF CINCINNATI

www.artacademy.edu

1212 Jackson Street • Cincinnati, OH 45202

The Art Academy of Cincinnati is an independent college of art and design. The Academy, with just under 200 full-time students, offers the four-year Bachelor of Fine Arts program in Fine Arts and Communication Arts, an innovative Master of Arts degree in Art Education for art teachers, and a vast non-credit community education program.

Admissions: Priority Deadline - March 1.

Phone: 513-562-8740

Financial Aid Phone: 513-562-8751 or 800-323-5692

CHATFIELD COLLEGE

www.chatfield.edu

20918 State Route 251 • St. Martin, OH 45118

Chatfield College is a two-year, private, Catholic liberal arts college with its main campus in St. Martin, Ohio, and a Cincinnati campus in historic Over-the-Rhine in , Cincinnati, OH. The college offers Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts, Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education, and Associate of Applied Science in Human Services, as well as a third year of study toward the completion of the bachelor's degree.

Admissions: Rolling admissions.

Phone: 513-875-3344

Email: admissions@chatfield.edu

Financial Aid: Federal, state, institutional financial aid programs for those who qualify.

Phone: 513-875-3958

CINCINNATI CAMPUS

1544 Central Parkway • Cincinnati, OH 45202

Admissions: Rolling Admissions

Phone: 513-921-9856

Email: admissions@chatfield.edu

Financial Aid Phone: 513-875-3958

CINCINNATI STATE TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

www.cincinnatiastate.edu

3520 Central Parkway • Cincinnati, OH 45223-2690

Over 130 certificate, associate, and bachelor degree programs are available in the areas of humanities, business, health, engineering, and IT. The College offers a nationally acclaimed cooperative education program along with strong articulation agreements with area four-year institutions.

Admissions: Rolling admission policy whereby candidates are notified 7-10 days of completing the application process.

Phone: 513-861-7700

E-mail: adm@cincinnatiastate.edu

Financial Aid: Scholarship application deadline February 15. Complete FAFSA info as soon as possible.

Presidential Scholarship (Hamilton County) nomination letter due May 1. (NOTE: Students applying to all scholarships must be admitted by scholarship deadline dates.)

Phone: 513-569-1530

Email: fam@cincinnatiastate.edu

GC3 COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES (cont'd)

GATEWAY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

www.gateway.kctcs.edu

500 Technology Way • Florence, KY 41042

As a member of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, Gateway Community and Technical College (GCTC) offers a targeted education designed to meet the professional and personal goals of all Kentuckians. Gateway offers daytime, evening, and weekend classes at four campus locations throughout Northern Kentucky. Gateway offers over 25 two-year associate degree programs and a variety of shorter certificates and diplomas in dozens of careers.

Admissions: 790 Thomas More Parkway, Edgewood, KY 41017

Students may be admitted to Gateway Community and Technical College as freshmen, as students with transfer credit from other institutions, as visiting students, or as non-degree students. Gateway admits students who have graduated from high school, who have earned a high school general equivalency diploma (GED), who are eligible to pursue a GED, or who are dually enrolled in high school and the college.

Phone: 859-442-1134

Financial Aid: 790 Thomas More Parkway, Edgewood, KY 41017

Gateway participates in both state and federal aid programs as well as having several scholarship opportunities for students. Please contact the financial Aid office for specific deadlines and eligibility requirements.

Phone: 859-442-1165

GOD'S BIBLE SCHOOL & COLLEGE

www.gbs.edu

1810 Young Street • Cincinnati, OH 45202-6838

God's Bible School and College is an interdenominational Christian institution offering two-year, four year and five-year programs culminating in an Associate of Arts and Bachelor of Arts degrees. Its fundamental goals center on preparing students to fill positions of Christian leadership in their respective ministries.

Admissions: Even though applications are accepted until the last day to add a class for the semester, applicants are encouraged to complete the process as early as possible. All applications and fees should be sent by July 1 for the fall semester and by December 1 for the spring semester.

Phone: 513-721-7944 ext. 1161

Financial Aid: God's Bible School & College participates in both state and federal aid programs as well as having several scholarship opportunities for students. Please refer to the Part 2 of the College Catalog for specific deadlines and eligibility requirements.

Phone: 513-721-7944 ext. 1161

GOOD SAMARITAN COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCE

www.gscollege.edu

375 Dixmyth Avenue • Cincinnati, OH 45220

Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science is a private, not for profit, institution of higher education serving the tri-state area. The college is a subsidiary of Tri-Health, Inc and Good Samaritan Hospital. The college provides nursing education in a catholic environment and awards the Associate of Arts in Nursing degree.

Admissions: Students are admitted in August and January. Admissions are rolling, based on the date all application materials are received. Students who apply for part-time study may be admitted at other times for selected courses.

Phone: 513-872-2743

Financial Aid: The GSC Financial Aid Scholarship Form is required of any student who wishes to be considered for an internal scholarship. The filing deadline for student admitted for August is July 15; the deadline for students admitted for January is December 1.

Phone: 513-872-2743

GC3 COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES (cont'd)

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

www.miamioh.edu

310 S. Campus Avenue Building • Oxford, OH 45056

Miami University is a selective, four-year public university located in Oxford, Ohio. It is one of only 21 public universities in the nation "that offer remarkable educational opportunities at a relatively modest cost," according to The Fiske Guide to Colleges 1999. Miami gives 1000 freshman scholarships, and the 100 majors and 300 clubs and organizations offer a well-rounded education.

Admission: Early decision - November 1.
Regular decision (February notification) - December 1.
Regular decision (March notification) - January 31.
Phone: 513-529-2531
E-mail: admission@muohio.edu

Financial Aid: February 15 priority deadline.
Harrison Scholarship - October 1; Other scholarships - January 31.
Phone: 513-529-8734

MIAMI UNIVERSITY REGIONAL CAMPUSES

www.miamioh.edu.regionals

HAMILTON

1601 University Boulevard • 104 Mosler Hall • Hamilton, OH 45011

Miami University Hamilton is a state-assisted regional campus of Miami University. It offers beginning coursework for bachelor's degree programs, a variety of associate degree and certificate programs, bachelor's degree programs in engineering technology and nursing, and part-time graduate programs in business and education.

Miami University Hamilton also offers continuing education courses for personal and professional development.

Admission: Rolling admission.
Open admission to all first-time college students with a high school diploma or its equivalent.
Phone: 513-785-3111

Financial Aid: February 15 priority deadline.
Scholarship deadline - January 31 (current students & first reading of new student applications).
May 1 (final deadline for new students).
Phone: 513-217-4111

MIDDLETOWN

4200 E. University Boulevard • Middletown, OH 45042-3497

Miami University Middletown is a regional, commuter campus of Miami University. It is an open admission and offers beginning coursework for bachelor's degree programs, a variety of associate degree and certificate programs, bachelor's degree programs in engineering technology and nursing, and part-time graduate programs in business and education. Students can relocate to the Miami University Oxford campus by completing 20 semester hours in good academic standing.

Credits are also transferable to other colleges/universities.

Admission: Rolling admission.
Phone: 513-727-3216 or 800-662-2262
Financial Aid: February 15 priority deadline.
Phone: 513-727-3299 or 800-662-2262

*Scholarship deadline is March 1 for new and continuing students. FAFSA must be completed for consideration of awards.

GC3 COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES (cont'd)

WEST CHESTER (Voice of America Learning Center)

7847 VOA Park • West Chester, OH 45069

Located midway between Cincinnati and Dayton along I-75, the Voice of America Learning Center (VOALC) offers undergraduate and graduate courses and programs drawn from Miami's Regional and Oxford campuses. **Home to Miami's MBA program**, the Learning Center provides ready access to graduate programs for area educators and **courses leading to the BIS degree for undergraduates.**

Credits are also transferable to other colleges/universities.

Phone: 513-895-8862

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY

www.msj.edu

5701 Delhi Road • Cincinnati, OH 45233-1672

Mount St. Joseph University is a Catholic, coeducational liberal arts college, emphasizing personal development and career orientation. Programs and services nurture students to reach their potential. The Mount offers 40+ academic majors, minors, and pre-professional study programs.

Admissions: Rolling admission policy whereby candidates are notified within 4 weeks of completing the application process. Physical Therapy is a selective program; Deadline to apply is January 15.

Phone: 513-244-4531 or 800-654-9314

Financial Aid: The Mount offers renewable, merit-based scholarships ranging from \$11,000 - \$21,000 per year. Scholarships have a March 1 deadline. Sister Mary Lea Scholarship deadline is January 31.

Phone: 513-244-4418 or 800-654-9314

NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

www.nku.edu

Lucas Administrative Center • Highland Heights, KY 41099

Northern Kentucky University located just miles south of Cincinnati in Highland Heights, Kentucky, serves students from the entire metropolitan area. A public university on a semester calendar, NKU offers associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees, a JD through the Salmon P. Chase College of Law, and a joint Master's in Business Administration/JD.

Admissions: Fall early action - Feb 1 (early action), May 1 (priority), August 1 (transfer)

Spring - November 1 (early action), December 1 (priority), December 7 (transfer).

Freshmen final deadline is last day before classes begin.

Phone: 859-572-5220 or 800-637-9948

E-mail: admitnku@nku.edu

Financial Aid: Academic year/fall priority - April 1.

Spring priority - November 1; Summer priority - March 1.

Scholarship deadline - February 1.

Phone: 859-572-5143 or 888-225-4499

E-mail: ofa@nku.edu

GC3 COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES (cont'd)

THE CHRIST COLLEGE OF NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCES www.thechristcollege.edu

2139 Auburn Avenue • Cincinnati, OH 45215

The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences has been associated with The Christ Hospital for over 110 years and currently awards Associate and bachelor's degrees in nursing. TCCNHS offers students the ability to complete a nursing degree in three to four years with no clinical wait list! New for 2016, the Summo Commisso Missi scholarship awards the top 20 high school applicants a \$40,000 scholarship (\$10k each year for four years)!

Admissions: Rolling basis except for full-tuition scholarship

Phone: 513-585-2401

Email: info@thechristcollege.edu

Financial Aid: Priority deadline for all other scholarships and financial aid is March 15.

Phone: 513-585-2401

Email: financial.aid@thechristcollege.edu

THOMAS MORE UNIVERSITY

www.thomasmore.edu

333 Thomas More Parkway • Crestview Hills, KY 41017

Thomas More University is a private, Catholic, nationally ranked, four-year, liberal arts college located 10 minutes south of Cincinnati in Crestview Hills, Kentucky. About 1,500 students attend TMC. Students may commute from home or live on campus. The college offers 36 majors and NCAA Division III men's and women's athletics.

Admissions: Rolling basis except for full-tuition scholarship (February 1).

Phone: 859-344-3332 or 800-825-4557

E-mail: admissions.inquiry@thomasmore.edu

Financial Aid: Priority deadline for all other scholarships and financial aid is March 15.

Phone: 859-344-3319

E-mail: financial-aid@thomasmore.edu

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

www.uc.edu

Office of Undergraduate Admissions • P.O. Box 210091 • Cincinnati, OH 45221-0091

Founded in 1819, the University of Cincinnati offers students a balance of educational excellence and real-world experience. UC is a public research university with an enrollment of more than 46,000 students and has been named "Among the top tier of the Best National Universities," according to U.S. News & World Report. Today, more than 300,000 living alumni count themselves as Bearcats - united not just by their loyalty to our nationally known sports teams, but by their common love of the place, the people and the ideas which make up the University of Cincinnati.

Admissions: UC highly recommends you complete your fall semester application and have all application materials received by UC Admissions by December 1. Some of the more competitive programs may close after December 1, but all applications are considered until an academic major or college is filled.

Phone: 513-556-1100

E-mail: admissions@uc.edu

Financial Aid: When you apply for financial aid, the UC Student Financial Aid Office will consider you for all aid sources. We will first look at scholarship and grant eligibility based on merit or need. Self-help sources such as work-study and loans will next be assessed for awarding. Some students are eligible for all aid types while others are eligible only for loans. Because some aid programs are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis, apply for aid as soon after October 1 of each year as possible for priority consideration for limited funding sources. To be considered for the maximum amount of financial aid and scholarships, all application materials must be received by UC Admissions by December 1.

Phone: 513-556-1000

E-mail: onestop@uc.edu

GC3 COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES (cont'd)

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI - CLERMONT COLLEGE

www.clc.uc.edu

4200 Clermont College Drive • Batavia, OH 45103-1785

UC Clermont College is located in the center of Clermont County on 91 beautiful, wooded acres in Batavia Township. Opened in 1972, UC Clermont is an accredited, open-access college offering more than 50 associate, bachelor and certificate programs. The college is a regional college of the nationally recognized University of Cincinnati. Students who attend UC Clermont College have full access to UC's Uptown campus libraries, student support services, student clubs, fraternities, sororities, intramural sports and athletic events.

Admissions: Rolling; Fall application and materials deadline is July 1 of the desired year of enrollment.

Phone: 513-732-5319

Financial Aid: Same as above.

Phone: 513-732-1000

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI – BLUE ASH COLLEGE

www.ucblueash.edu

9555 Plainfield Road • Blue Ash, OH 45236

At UC Blue Ash College, we are looking forward to what is next in academics, innovation and student engagement. We are committed to providing a diverse, inclusive, and supportive environment where you will thrive.

Our students receive an authentic University of Cincinnati experience supported by dedicated professors – with the advantages of small class sizes, low tuition and a beautiful campus. We strive to educate, empower and inspire you. Everything at UC Blue Ash is built for your success, every step of the way.

Admissions: Rolling; Fall application and materials deadline is July 1 of the desired year of enrollment.

Phone: 513-745-5700

Financial Aid: Same as above.

Phone: 513-556-1000

UNION INSTITUTE & UNIVERSITY

www.myunion.edu

440 East McMillan Street • Cincinnati, OH 45206-1925

The Union Institute & University is an innovative, private university providing mid-career adults with maximum flexibility through directed, independent study options. Each learner designs a baccalaureate or doctoral degree program based on previous learning as well as professional and personal goals.

Admissions: Priority dates - June 10 (summer beginning July 1), October 10 (fall/winter beginning Nov. 1), February 10 (spring beginning March 1).

Phone: 513-861-6400 or 800-486-3116

E-mail: admissions@tui.edu

Financial Aid: Priority dates - May 5 (summer), September 10 (fall/winter), January 10 (spring).

Phone: 513-861-6400 or 800-486-3116

GC3 COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES (cont'd)

WILMINGTON COLLEGE

Wilmington, OH 45177

www.wilmington.edu

Wilmington is a four-year, career-oriented liberal arts college, affiliated with the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). It enrolls about 1,700 students. Wilmington is in the first tier of Midwestern liberal arts colleges in US News & World Report and was identified by the Templeton Foundation as a character-building college.

Admissions: Rolling basis.

Phone: 800-341-9318 ext. 260

E-mail: admission@wilmington.edu

Financial Aid: File by March 1 for full consideration but aid will continue to be awarded after this date.

Phone: 800-341-9318 ext. 494

XAVIER UNIVERSITY

3800 Victory Parkway • Cincinnati, OH 45207-5311

www.xavier.edu

Founded in 1831, Xavier University is a Catholic, Jesuit university located on 100 acres in a residential section of Cincinnati. There are more than 65 undergraduate majors and graduate programs in 10 areas. Xavier has 6,500 students (4,000 at the undergraduate level) who come from more than 40 states and 46 countries.

Admission: March 15 priority deadline.

Phone: 513-745-3301 or 800-344-4698

E-mail: xuadmit@admin.xu.edu

Financial Aid: February 15 priority deadline.

Phone: 513-745-3142 or 800-344-4698 ext. 3142

**HEBREW UNION COLLEGE -JEWISH
INSTITUTE OF RELIGION** is a GC3
member only offering graduate programs.

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MISSION STATEMENT

GC3 advocates for higher education and uses the collective strength of its institutional members to positively influence the value of higher learning in the Greater Cincinnati region. It promotes professional development and opportunities for collaborative learning to advance the effectiveness of all members.

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