

## Cleveland State University Partnership Programs FAQ's

### *What are the Cleveland State Partnership programs and where are they located?*

The partnerships at Lakeland and Lorain were established as a way for students to continue your education and earn a four-year degree in specific programs without ever having to leave the community college campus. Two Partnership Programs exist at Lakeland Community College and Lorain County Community College.

### **Lorain County Community College**

- Located in University Center Room 113 on Lorain's campus.
- Phone (440)366-4850 or 1-800-995-5222 x4850
- Email us at [LCCC@csuohio.edu](mailto:LCCC@csuohio.edu)
- Check out our website at [www.csuohio.edu/lorain](http://www.csuohio.edu/lorain)

### **Bachelor Degree Programs**

- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
- Bachelor of Arts in Public Safety Management
- Bachelor of Arts in Nonprofit Administration
- Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies

### **Master Degree Programs**

- Master of Education with Specialization in Educational Technology
- Computer and Technology Teaching Endorsement
- Certificate in Adult Learning and Development

### **Lakeland Community College**

- Located in the "B" Building Room 1046 on Lakeland's campus.
- Phone (440) 525-7471
- Email us at [LCC@csuohio.edu](mailto:LCC@csuohio.edu)
- Check out our website at [www.csuohio.edu/lakeland](http://www.csuohio.edu/lakeland)

### **Bachelor Degree Programs**

- Bachelor of Business Administration in General Business Administration
- Bachelor of Business Administration in Information Systems
- Bachelor of Arts in Public Safety Management
- NEW! Bachelor of Science in Electronic Engineering Technology (BSEET)
- NEW! Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology (BSMET)
- NEW! Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership

### **Other Coursework**

- Education (Undergraduate and Graduate)
- RN-BSN Bachelor of Science Online Degree Program
- Minor in Business

***What is a partnership student?***

A partnership student is enrolled in one of the Cleveland State Partnership programs offered at either Lorain or Lakeland, with the intent of finishing the program **on** either of the community college campuses. A partnership student may be enrolled in courses at either or both institutions.

***How do I become a partnership student?***

To apply to one of our partnership programs, students need to follow the Cleveland State University admission procedures, along with filling out a “Partnership Application Supplement Form”. This form can be obtained at either CSU Partnership office or on either Partnership’s website. The form may be mailed in with the application materials, but ideally a copy should be turned into the Cleveland State Partnership office located at either of the community college campuses.

***If I’m enrolled in one of the partnership programs, can I attend classes at both the community college and Cleveland State at the SAME time?***

Absolutely! That is one of the benefits of enrolling in one our partnership programs. They are designed for students to still attend Lorain or Lakeland courses for general education requirements, while enrolled in Cleveland State courses on the same campus. All coursework must be approved by your Cleveland State academic advisor to ensure transferability to your program.

***If I’m attending Cleveland State courses on the community college campus, will I still receive my degree from Cleveland State University?***

Yes. Students enrolled in any of our partnership programs are earning their baccalaureate degrees from Cleveland State University. Your diploma will be a Cleveland State University diploma.

***Are there Cleveland State instructors teaching the courses?***

Yes. Cleveland State University professors are teaching all of the CSU courses offered at either community college campuses for our partnership programs.

***How will my tuition account be calculated?***

If you are a Cleveland State partnership student enrolled in both CSU courses and community college courses, then you will have two separate tuition bills. You will be charged Cleveland State University tuition rates for any CSU courses you are enrolled in, and if you are enrolled in Lorain or Lakeland courses, then you will be charged the tuition rate for the prospective community college. Remember to check all tuition dates and deadlines for each institution, which may be different.

***Can I receive financial aid as a partnership student?***

Yes. Since Cleveland State University is the higher degree giving school, your financial aid will be processed and disbursed by Cleveland State’s financial aid office. The financial aid may include federal, state and institutional grants and/or loans.

***Are there steps to follow to receive financial aid as a partnership student if I am enrolled in courses at the community college and CSU at the SAME time?***

Yes. You will need to fill out the FAFSA and list Cleveland State University as one of your approved schools. If you are a partnership student planning to enroll in both Lorain or Lakeland courses AND Cleveland State courses AND are in need of financial aid, then you need to fill out a “Partnership Consortium Agreement”. This agreement can be obtained at either of the Cleveland State Partnership office locations, the partnership’s website, or the Cleveland State financial aid website.

***What is a consortium agreement?***

A consortium agreement is a contract between the student, Cleveland State University and the community college. The agreement permits the student to take courses at Cleveland State and approved courses at the community college. This agreement also permits Cleveland State's financial aid office to process student aid based on the combined registered hours at both schools for the stated semester.

***How will the amount of my financial aid be determined?***

Financial aid is based on the combined registered credit hours at both institutions for that particular term/semester. Financial aid amounts will be determined based on the combined credit hours and pro-rated if necessary based on the student's enrollment status.

***Once I have filled out my FAFSA and turned in my consortium agreement, how do I receive financial aid to pay for both tuition bills?***

Financial aid is applied to a student's CSU account and if there is any excess, a refund will be mailed to the student's home address. At that time, you may use the excess refund and either go and pay your community college tuition bill or you can reimburse yourself because you already made payment arrangements with the community college. **Cleveland State University does not make payments directly to another school on behalf of the student.**

***If I am enrolled in one of the partnership programs, which school do I register for classes through?***

Both, if applicable. If you are planning to enroll in Cleveland State courses being offered on Lorain or Lakeland's campus, then you register for CSU classes through CSU's CampusNet, our on-line registration resource. If you need assistance walking through registration for the first time, you may call or stop by one of the CSU Partnership office locations for assistance. If you are planning to enroll in courses at either of the community colleges, then you follow their registration procedures.

***As a partnership student, can I enroll in Cleveland State courses at another CSU campus?***

Yes. As a Cleveland State University student, you may enroll in CSU courses at any of our extended campuses located in Westlake or Solon, Ohio and/or our main campus location in Cleveland, Ohio.

***If I am enrolled in CSU courses at either partnership location, do I have to drive downtown to main campus to purchase my textbooks for my classes?***

No. Textbooks for courses offered at either community college location are available to purchase in Lorain or Lakeland's college bookstore. If you are enrolled in courses offered at the CSU main campus or either extended campus (East or West Center), you may purchase your textbooks on-line through the Cleveland State bookstore website or in-person at the main campus.

***Can I meet with an academic advisor at the community college instead of downtown?***

Yes. We have academic transfer and program advisors that come out to the community college campuses quite frequently. If you would like to set up an appointment to meet with an advisor, please contact our CSU Partnership staff at either Lorain or Lakeland for more information on upcoming dates.

***Can I participate in Cleveland State graduation ceremonies?***

Yes. As a Cleveland State University student, you may participate in CSU graduation ceremonies. You may also call either of our CSU Partnership offices to find out more about possible participation in the community college graduation ceremonies as well.