

CSU Partnership Program 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.

Lakeland Community College

- CSU office is in "B" Building, Room 1046.
- Telephone (440) 525-7471
- Email us at LCC@csuohio.edu
- Check out our website at 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
- Bachelor of Science in Electronic Engineering Technology (BSEET)
- Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology (BSMET)
- Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership

Other Coursework

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

Lorain County Community College

- CSU office is University Center, Room 113
- Telephone (440) 366-4850 or 1-800-995-5222 x4850
- Email us at LCCC@csuohio.edu
- Check out our website at 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

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 does one become a partnership student?

To apply to one of CSU's 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 applying to CSU and a Partnership Program, the \$30 application fee is waived.*

What is the role of the CSU On-Site Coordinator?

Partnership offices are staffed twice a week with a CSU Coordinator who is your primary source for all CSU information. The Coordinator can assist with applying to CSU, understanding Campus Net, and troubleshooting any problems or concerns you may have. The CSU Coordinator is also trained to give you an unofficial transcript evaluation. This evaluation can help you plan your transition to CSU after your Associates degree program.

If a student is enrolled in one of the partnership programs, can they attend classes at both the community college and Cleveland State at the SAME time?

Absolutely! That is one of the benefits of enrolling in a partnership program. 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 their Cleveland State academic advisor to ensure transferability to the student's major degree program.

Do Cleveland State instructors teach the courses?

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

How is tuition calculated?

If one is a Cleveland State partnership student enrolled in both CSU courses and community college courses, then they will have two separate tuition bills. The student will be charged Cleveland State University tuition rates for any CSU courses enrolled in, and if enrolled in Lorain or Lakeland courses, then the student is charged the tuition rate for the prospective community college. Remind students to check all tuition dates and deadlines, Institution deadline dates may vary.

Can a partnership student receive financial aid?

Yes. Since Cleveland State University is the higher degree giving school, 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.

If a student is enrolled in courses at the community college and CSU at the SAME time are there steps to follow to receive financial aid as a partnership student?

A student needs to fill out the FAFSA and list Cleveland State University as one of their approved schools. If they 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 a "Partnership Consortium Agreement" needs to be filled out. 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.

Once FAFSA is filled out and the consortium agreement turned in, how does a student 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. The remaining funds may be used for their community college tuition bill or self reimbursement because they may have 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 enrolled in one of the partnership programs, where do students register for classes?

Both, if applicable. If planning to enroll in Cleveland State courses being offered on Lorain or Lakeland's campus, then the student registers for CSU classes through CSU's CampusNet. For community college class registration, they follow their process.

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

Yes. As a CSU student they can enroll in CSU courses at any campus location.

Do students need to drive downtown to main campus to purchase textbooks for 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.

Do academic advisors come out to the community college instead of downtown?

Yes. Academic transfer and program advisors visit the community college campuses quite frequently. To schedule an academic advisor appointment, please contact the CSU Partnership Office at Lorain or Lakeland for more information on the appointment procedure.

Can students participate in Cleveland State graduation ceremonies?

Yes. As a Cleveland State University student, you are encouraged to participate in CSU graduation ceremonies.