

# General Information



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### Accreditation

- Southern State Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. [230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604 | 800.621.7440]
- The Associate Nursing Program at Southern State Community College located in Hillsboro, Ohio is accredited by the: Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400 Atlanta, GA 30326, (404) 975-5000, [www.acenursing.org](http://www.acenursing.org). The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the associate nursing program is Continuing Accreditation. View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at: <http://www.acenursing.com/accreditedprograms/programsearch.htm>. The program has full approval by the Ohio Board of Nursing [17 South High Street, Suite 660, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3947, (614) 466-3947].
- The Southern State Community College Medical Assistant Technology Certificate is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs ([www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org)) upon the recommendation of the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB). The most recent accreditation decision made by the CAAHEP Committee on Accreditation (CoA) MAERB is Continuing Accreditation into 2028. View the public information regarding this program at: <https://www.caahep.org/students/find-an-accredited-program>. Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs | 9355 – 113th St. N, #7709 Seminole, FL 33775 (727) 210-2350
- The Practical Nursing program has the full approval of the Ohio Board of Nursing [17 South High Street, Suite 660, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3947, (614) 466-3947].

### Background

Celebrating a progressive history dating back to 1975, Southern State Community College (SSCC) began as Southern State General and Technical College. With support from the University of Cincinnati's Board of Trustees, the College was operational and served a broad geographical district encompassing UC's Tri-County Academic Center in Macon. In 1977, the name of the College was officially changed to Southern State Community College.

Designed to serve the communities of Adams,

Brown, Clinton, Fayette, and Highland Counties, the College's physical development represents a number of significant milestones.

- 1976-77 - A new South Campus facility opened in Brown County and former Clinton County Air Force base buildings were renovated for use as the North Campus near Wilmington.
- March 1981 - Administrative offices for the College were moved from their North Campus location to a new 4,000-square-foot facility in Hillsboro.
- September of 1981 saw the beginning of the College's Practical Nursing Program and in 1985 the College's largest facility, the Central Campus in Hillsboro, opened for autumn quarter. The addition of this campus, completed in Southern State's tenth anniversary year and was considered a tribute to the first decade as well as a tangible framework for progress into the future.
- 1990 – An agricultural wing was added to accommodate a greenhouse and additional classroom space.
- 1994-95 – A new wing was added to the Central Campus which included space for health sciences, biology and chemistry, as well as administrative offices.
- September 1999 - The Appalachian Gateway Center opened on the South Campus. The Center served as a focal point for the community with a focus on cultural and educational programs relating to Appalachian culture.
- 1999 – A new 19,000-square-foot facility was opened in Fayette County. Previously known as the Great Oaks Equine Center, the Fayette Campus was constructed to serve the students in the northern quadrant of the College's service area.
- May 2000 - A new 35,000-square-foot facility was constructed in Wilmington, Ohio.
- March 2005 - The College added a new 25,000-square-foot multipurpose center to the College's Central Campus landscape. This 2500-seat-capacity building was erected to serve a variety of needs within the College and its surrounding community. Appropriately named the Patriot Center, this facility allows the College to host its athletic venue as well as graduation, expos, concerts, guest speakers, college fairs, and numerous other activities.
- 2009 – A 17,000-square-foot addition was added to the College's Fayette Campus resulting in state-of-the-art science labs, classrooms, student resource areas, and a large community room.
- August 2014 - The Brown County Campus,

located at the heavily trafficked intersection of Highway 32 and Brooks-Malott Road, was opened as a replacement campus to the original “South” Campus in Fincastle, Ohio. Equipped with cutting edge science and technology laboratories, this campus quickly realized enrollment gains in its first year of operation and aided the College in becoming more firmly rooted among the Brown County communities.

- May 2020 - The College’s North Campus in Wilmington closes. The College offered classes at Wilmington College.
- June 2022 - The College’s Fayette Campus in Washington Court House closes.

In addition to the physical campus improvements, the College has experienced a number of other important highlights in its history. Southern State was one of the first community colleges in the state to develop an accredited transfer program. This early awareness of the value in transfer agreements has been supported by subsequent arrangements with public and private four-year universities and colleges around Ohio and the rest of the nation. Along with the transfer program, SSCC has developed a wide variety of associate degrees in applied business and applied science, the Associate of Technical Studies degree, and various certificate programs.

The sixth president of the College, Dr. Nicole Roades, began her term in July 2022. She was preceded by Dr. Lewis Miller (1975-1988), Dr. George McCormick (1989-1994), Dr. Lawrence N. Dukes (1995-2007), Dr. Sherry A. Stout (2007-2009), and Dr. Kevin Boys (2010-2022).

*A more comprehensive history of Southern State Community College’s early development (1975-2002), authored by the College’s first President, Dr. Lewis Miller, is available through the College’s Library.*

## College Memberships

Southern State Community College maintains memberships in the following organizations:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc.  
 Adams County Chamber of Commerce  
 American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance  
 American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers  
 American Association of Community Colleges  
 American Association of Medical Assistants  
 American Association of University Women  
 American Chemical Society  
 American Correction Association

American Counseling Association  
 American Economic Association  
 American Library Association  
 American Library Association of Ohio  
 American Marketing Association  
 American Society for Testing and Materials  
 American Sociological Association  
 Area Health Education Center-Health U.C.  
 Association of Community College Trustees  
 Association of Fundraising Professionals  
 Association of Official Analytical Chemists  
 Brown County Chamber of Commerce  
 Clermont County Chamber of Commerce  
 Clinton County Chamber of Commerce  
 Commission on Adult Basic Education  
 Community Colleges of Appalachia  
 Correction Education Association  
 Council of North Central Two-Year Colleges  
 Council on Accreditation for Two-Year Colleges  
 Dayton Area Nurse Educators  
 Fayette County Chamber of Commerce  
 Greater Cincinnati Counseling Association  
 Highland County Chamber of Commerce  
 Instructional Telecommunications Council  
 National Academic Advising Association  
 National Association for Community College  
 Entrepreneurship  
 National Association of Biology Teachers  
 National Association of Colleges and Employers  
 National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics  
 National Association of Emergency Medical Services Educators  
 National Association of Pediatric Nurses and Practitioners  
 National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators  
 National Career Development Association  
 National Council for Marketing and Public Relations  
 National Council of Teachers of English  
 National Junior College Athletic Association  
 National League for Nursing  
 National Women Work  
 North Central Association of Colleges and Schools  
 Ohio Academic Advising Association  
 Ohio Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance  
 Ohio Assessment Association  
 Ohio Association for Adult and Continuing Education  
 Ohio Association of College Admissions Counselors  
 Ohio Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers  
 Ohio Association of Community Colleges  
 Ohio Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators  
 Ohio Association of Two-Year Colleges  
 Ohio Career Development Association

Ohio Coalition of Associate Degree Human Services Educators  
 Ohio College Association  
 Ohio Community College Athletic Conference  
 Ohio Continuing Higher Education Association  
 Ohio Council for Student Development  
 Ohio Council of Associate Degree and Diploma Nursing Education Administrators  
 Ohio Counseling Association  
 Ohio Educational Library/Media Association  
 Ohio Instructor/Coordinator Society  
 Ohio League for Nursing  
 Ohio Library and Information Network  
 Ohio Library Council  
 Ohio Literacy Network  
 Ohio Organization of Practical Nurse Educators  
 Ohio Teachers of English for Speakers of Other Languages  
 Ohio Transfer Council  
 Ohio Two-Year College Placement Association  
 Organization for Associate Degree Nursing  
 Organization for Associate Degree Nursing-Ohio Chapter  
 Organization for the Advancement of Associate Degree Nursing  
 Popular Culture Association  
 Rural Community College Alliance  
 Rural Ohio Valley Health Sciences Library Network  
 Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) Consortium  
 Strategic Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE) Starlink

## Arrangements With Other Institutions of Higher Education

Southern State Community College is a member of the Strategic Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE). The Council promotes inter-institutional cooperation in order to achieve education advancement, promote research, and foster administrative efficiency in member institutions. SSCC students may cross-register at any one of the following SOCHE member institutions: Air Force Institute of Technology, Antioch University, Cedarville University, Central Michigan University, Central State University, Clark State Community College, Edison State Community College, Franklin University, Kettering College of Medical Arts, Lindsey Wilson College, Miami - Jacobs Career College, Miami University - Middletown, Nyack College Miami Valley, Ohio Christian University, Sinclair Community College, Union Institute and University, United Theological Seminary, University of Dayton, Urbana University, Wilberforce University, Wilmington College, Wittenberg University, and Wright State University.

In addition, Southern State has transfer agreements and reciprocity agreements with a number of colleges and universities. Students should talk to their advisor concerning preparation to transfer.

## Ohio Transfer Policy

The Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) developed a statewide policy which facilitates the transfer of students in Ohio colleges and universities. The Ohio Articulation and Transfer Policy allows students who meet approved general education requirements of their home institutions to automatically fulfill the Ohio Transfer 36 (OT36) module requirements of state institutions to which they transfer, even though general education courses may vary. Students should note, however, that after transfer, they may be required to meet additional general education requirements that are not included in their OT36 module. Further information on the OT36 module is listed in the Academic Programs section of this catalog.

Transfer Assurance Guides (TAG) assures guaranteed transfer credit for specific beginning major coursework. While many of these courses may be identified in the OT36 module, they are foundation courses for specific majors and often required for acceptance or continuance in a degree program. Courses identified as a TAG course ensures the curriculum alignment and rigor is equivalent statewide.

In addition to the OT36 Module, H.B. 95 mandated that the ODHE establish policies and procedures applicable to all state institutions of higher education to ensure seamless transfer. Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathways (OGTP) are available to assist students in both technical and core discipline degree pathways. OGTP guides are developed to assist students with more than 38 different degree pathways with precise advising on OT36 and TAG courses necessary for specific degree completion from the associate degree to the bachelor degree.

The <http://> link should be <https://transfercredit.ohio.gov/>

## Transfer Agreements — Colleges/Universities

State of Ohio University System: (including regional campuses) follow Ohio Transfer Policy.

- Bowling Green State University
- Central State University
- Cleveland State University
- Kent State University
- Miami University
- Ohio State University
- Ohio University

- Shawnee State University
- University of Akron
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Toledo
- Wright State University
- Youngstown State University

## Independent Institutions

### Partnerships

In addition to the Ohio Transfer Policy agreements, the College has partnerships with the following colleges/universities:

- Bellevue University
- Chamberlain College of Nursing
- Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science
- Franklin University
- Indiana Wesleyan
- Lindsey Wilson University
- Mt St Joseph University
- Muskingum University
- Ohio Christian University
- Otterbein University
- Union Institute & University
- University of the Cumberlands
- University of Phoenix
- University of Rio Grande
- Western Governors University
- Wilmington College
- Wittenberg University

### Reciprocity Agreements/Partnerships

The States of Ohio and Kentucky have reciprocity agreements for tuition benefits for residents of specific counties on either side of the Ohio river. These institutions include Ashland Community & Technical College, Eastern Kentucky University, Gateway Community & Technical College, Maysville Community & Technical College, Morehead State University, Northern Kentucky University.

Course work from Ohio institutions are readily received and accepted toward academic program pathways.

### Advisory Committees

Southern State is a community college designed to fill specific post-secondary educational needs of area residents. The College can best meet this commitment with guidance and constructive input from concerned members of the community. To foster this vital community involvement, the College has established an advisory committee system. The advisory committees help to ensure that general and technical education is of the finest quality and always attuned to community needs. Community representatives on the College advisory committees are listed at the end of the catalog.

## Values Statement

Honesty and integrity in all endeavors, tolerance for different ideas, respect for all individuals, and excellence and creativity in the pursuit of knowledge.

## Mission, Vision, and Strategic Plan

Southern State Community College is committed to its mission to provide accessible, affordable, and high quality education to people in southern Ohio.

The College's vision is to produce student outcomes and superior service to students and our community that render Southern State indispensable.

In our strategic endeavors, we will collectively and individually strive to live up to our core values:

- **Accessibility** – With multiple locations, we remove barriers while providing the tools and people to help students navigate college and be successful.
- **Community Engagement** – We are a central contributor to our communities' successes through partnerships with employers, social agencies, local government and schools to help build a well-trained workforce.
- **Quality-driven** – Our academic programs prepare students for life and the workforce, supports continuous improvement processes, and professional development efforts as well as provides transferable, meaningful, credible credentials.
- **Personal Connection** – Our campuses maintain a friendly and welcoming environment for all. We demonstrate respect and concern for each individual.
- **Unity** – We instill a culture that promotes a sense of safety, community, and place for all to have a voice.
- **Life-Enrichment** – We meet students where they are by providing a pathway to life-long learning and a place where students can find or pursue their passion.

Southern State Community College's Strategic Plan is driven by four priority areas: Enrollment, Workforce Development, Student Success, and Relevance and Excellence.

- **Enrollment** – Accessibility is a hallmark of Southern State's mission. Open, convenient access is necessary for learners of all ages and backgrounds, and must be reflected in the College's enrollment profile.
- **Workforce Development** – Higher education in Ohio faces unprecedented pressure to meet an expected employment surge stemming from major employers entering the area and anticipated suppliers to those large employers.

- **Student Success** – Adopting an holistic approach to student support with an emphasis on a student’s sense of belonging will serve as a cornerstone for success. Quality learning environments, well-designed courses, clear processes, and an institutional appreciation for regulatory standards and protocols indirectly influence student success.
- **Relevance and Excellence** – Relevance is only realized when the outcomes or outputs of our work are significant to others. Continuous efforts to “be better” in doing what matters is the key to the College’s continued existence and reputation for excellence. The College must deliver service, learning experiences, and outcomes so well that stakeholders couldn’t imagine southern Ohio without Southern State.

## Responding to Emergencies

An emergency on campus has a very broad definition. It can be any event or situation requiring immediate action and which threatens the health, safety, security, or well-being of the campus community.

On campus emergency situations may include but are not limited to:

- Incidents of persons in extreme emotional distress
- Accidents involving personal injury and/or property damage
- Incidents of inter-personal conflict (verbal or physical)
- Incidents involving theft of personal or College property
- Incidents involving the use or sale of drugs or alcohol
- Any incident which represents a threat to the safety or security of individuals and/or the campus

Any member of the campus community who is aware of an emergency situation should take immediate steps to protect themselves (and others if possible) from an immediate danger or threat. Individuals should use their best judgment when considering steps to intervene or diffuse a situation while constantly keeping in mind that individual safety is paramount. If deemed appropriate, call 911 to request the appropriate emergency service (paramedic, police, fire).

All emergency situations should be reported to the Dean of Student Affairs as soon as possible. The report should be made by using the “Report an Incident” link which can be found at the bottom of the SSCC web page (<https://www.sccc.edu/incident-report.shtml>). Individuals making the report should complete the form in its entirety providing as many details

as possible. Upon receipt of the form, the Dean of Student Affairs will determine the appropriate course of action (follow-up investigation, notification to other departments, referral to the Behavior Intervention Team (BIT), Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), enforcement of student conduct policy, etc).

The Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) exists to provide a route of communication, assessment and intervention for behaviors exhibited by members of the college community which, if left unaddressed, could impact the teaching-learning environment. This cross-functional team utilizes a threat-assessment tool provided by the National Behavioral Intervention Team Association (NaBITA) to help determine appropriate courses of action when confronted with reports of such behaviors.

The Behavior Intervention Team also serves as the College’s designated Sexual Assault Response Team (SART). The SART responds to issues of sexual assault which have a specific set of requirements and responses that must be met. It is our hope that no one within our campus community will become a victim of sexual assault. However, if it occurs, the College’s SART was created to meet victim needs. For more information, please visit <https://www.sccc.edu/students/bit.shtml>.

## Mission

The mission of the Southern State Behavioral Intervention and Sexual Assault Response Teams is:

- Enhance the physical and emotional safety of students, faculty, staff and others in order to support the teaching-learning environment.
- Reduce the incidence of sexual and relationship violence through educational and outreach efforts
- Increase the reporting of incidents by improving access to services
- Provide comprehensive, victim-centered care on campus

For emergency situations involving an employee, the employee’s immediate supervisor should be notified as soon as possible. For additional information, employees should refer to the Occupational Health and Safety Policy located in the Policy and Information Manual.

Students, faculty, and staff may subscribe to the SSCC Alerts Notification Systems in order to receive various alerts issued by the College. SSCC Alerts is a comprehensive alert notification system which Southern State uses to broadcast important information such as campus emergencies, closures, delays, cancellations and more via email, text or voice messaging. Instructions on how to subscribe as well as additional information about the alert system can be found at <http://www.sccc.edu/students/alerts.shtml>.