

**TITLE:** Ohio and West Virginia Tuition Reciprocity Agreements

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the Finance Committee approve, and endorse to the full Council at its June 9, 2023 meeting, the tuition reciprocity agreements with Ohio and West Virginia for the time period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025

**PRESENTERS:** Shaun McKiernan, Executive Director of Finance and Budget  
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## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Tuition reciprocity agreements are arrangements between two or more states where the residents of a defined region in one state can enroll at identified institutions (or in selected programs) in another state (and vice versa) for a reduced tuition charge. Under such agreements, eligible residents may also receive special treatment for admission purposes.

In general, advantages of reciprocity agreements include:

- Broader educational access and opportunity for residents of a region;
- Reduction in unnecessary duplication of academic programs; and
- Cost savings to a home state by utilizing academic programs in other states.

Currently, Kentucky has tuition reciprocity agreements with Indiana (IN), Ohio (OH), and West Virginia (WV). The Indiana agreement is in effect through June 30, 2025. The agreements with Ohio and West Virginia expire on June 30, 2023. Staff has worked with officials from these states and participating Kentucky institutions to renegotiate the agreements in compliance with policies adopted by the Council. The updated agreements have no substantive changes.

### **Kentucky/Ohio Agreement**

Pursuant to Ohio law, the Ohio agreements have two-year terms. The current agreements with Ohio are scheduled to expire on June 30, 2023. The agreements

contain provisions for making changes while the agreements are in place, provided that all parties are amenable.

Kentucky stakeholders initially requested that the agreement's exclusion of nursing programs at Gateway be removed. Ohio officials requested that no changes be made to the agreement and stated that they would consider this change prior to the next renewal. KCTCS officials accepted this response and agreed to proceed with no changes to the agreement.

Council staff recommends renewal of the Kentucky/Ohio Reciprocity Agreements for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. Officials at participating Kentucky institutions support the proposed agreement.

Additional necessary corrections and updates to agreement language are shown in the attached proposed agreements. Kentucky and Ohio have three separate agreements. The list below shows participating institutions and eligible counties.

### **Agreement 1:**

#### KY Institutions & Eligible OH Counties

**Northern Kentucky University**  
**Gateway Community & Technical College**

Adams County	Brown County
Butler County	Clermont County
Clinton County	Fayette County
Hamilton County	Highland County
Warren County	

#### OH Institutions & Eligible KY Counties

**Cincinnati State Technical & Community College**  
**Clark State Community College**  
**Southern State Community College**  
**University of Cincinnati**

Bracken County	Boone County
Campbell County	Carroll County
Gallatin County	Grant County
Kenton County	Pendleton County

### **Agreement 2:**

#### KY Institutions & Eligible OH Counties

**Ashland Community & Technical College**  
**Morehead State University – Morehead**  
**Morehead State University – Ashland**

Adams County	Athens County
Brown County	Gallia County
Jackson County	Lawrence County
Meigs County	Pike County
Scioto County	Vinton County

#### OH Institutions & Eligible KY Counties

**Ohio University – Athens**  
**Ohio University – Southern**  
**Rio Grande Community College**  
**Shawnee State University**  
**Southern State Community College**

Boyd County	Carter County
Elliot County	Fleming County
Greenup County	Lawrence County
Lewis County	Mason County
Rowan County	

**Agreement 3:**

KY Institutions & Eligible OH Counties  
**Maysville Community & Tech. College**  
Adams County            Brown County  
Clermont County

OH Institutions & Eligible KY Counties  
**Miami University Hamilton Campus**  
**Miami University Middletown Campus**  
**University of Cincinnati – Clermont College**  
Bracken County            Lewis County  
Mason County                Robertson County

The following table provides a comparison of Kentucky and Ohio reciprocity student headcount, FTE students, and attempted student credit hours.

<b>Ohio and Kentucky 2021-22 Reciprocity Students</b>	<b>KY Residents at OH Institutions</b>	<b>OH Residents at KY Institutions</b>
Student Headcount	1,532	1,090
Full-time Equivalent Students	958	552
Credit Hours	28,737	16,562

The ratio of Ohio reciprocity full-time equivalent (FTE) students in Kentucky to Kentucky reciprocity FTE students in Ohio in 2021-22 was 1.0 to 1.74 (i.e., for every one FTE Ohio resident at Kentucky institutions there are 1.74 FTE Kentucky residents at Ohio institutions).

**Kentucky/West Virginia Agreement**

The current agreement with West Virginia has a two-year term and will expire on June 30, 2023. It contains provisions to make changes before the agreement’s expiration with the consent of all parties.

Kentucky and West Virginia stakeholders requested no changes to the current agreement. Council staff recommends renewal of the Kentucky/West Virginia Reciprocity Agreement for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025. Officials at participating Kentucky institutions support the proposed agreement.

KY Institutions & Eligible WV Counties  
**Ashland Community & Technical College**  
**Big Sandy Community & Technical College**  
Cabell County            McDowell County  
Mingo County            Wayne County

WV Institutions & Eligible KY Counties  
**Mounswest Community & Technical College**  
**Southern West Virginia Community & Technical College**  
Boyd County                Lawrence County  
Martin County               Pike County

The table below provides a comparison of Kentucky and West Virginia student headcount, FTE students, and attempted student credit hours.

<b>West Virginia and Kentucky 2021-22 Reciprocity Students</b>	<b>KY Residents at WV Institutions</b>	<b>WV Residents at KY Institutions</b>
Student Headcount	196	169
Full-time Equivalent Students	77	64
Credit Hours	2,290	1,926

The ratio of West Virginia reciprocity full-time equivalent (FTE) students in Kentucky to Kentucky FTE students in West Virginia in 2021-22 was 1.0 to 1.20 (i.e., for every one FTE West Virginia resident at Kentucky institutions there are 1.20 FTE Kentucky residents at West Virginia institutions).