

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRANSFERABILITY OF COLLEGE CREDIT

Stautzenberger College, Brecksville would like all prospective students to understand fully the purpose of its educational programs and the likely transferability of its credits. This explanation is to ensure that you choose a diploma or degree program designed to achieve your goals.

Specifically, there are two primary types of associate degree programs: those that are “**occupational**” and those that are “**academic**.”

- **Occupational associate degrees** are designed to send students **directly into the workforce without the need for further education**. Occupational associate degrees are also referred to as “applied” associate degrees. You can recognize an occupational associate degree by the designation of AAB (Associate of Applied Business) or AAS (Associate of Applied Science).
 - *Students who choose an applied associate degree are planning to enter the workforce immediately after completing their degree. These degrees contain **fewer “general education” classes** (i.e., math, social sciences, English, etc.), but a **greater number of classes in the specific career or field of study**.*
- **Academic associate degrees** are designed to prepare students for **additional education at a 4-year college**. Academic associate degrees are also referred to as “transfer” associate degrees. These programs usually require students to obtain further training or education before entering the workforce. You can recognize an academic associate degree by the designation of AA (Associate of Arts) or AS (Associate of Science).
 - *Students who choose a transfer associate degree are planning to go on to a 4-year college for a bachelor degree. These degrees contain a **greater number of “general education” classes**, but **fewer classes in the specific career or field of study**.*

Please note: Stautzenberger College, Brecksville **specializes in offering programs designed to get students into the workforce as quickly as possible** - with greatest likelihood of beginning their careers with little or no additional training from the employer or another educational institution. Our programs are occupational by design, which will impact the transferability of our credits to other non-occupational college programs.

Also be aware that **no college or university can require another college or university to accept credits on behalf of its students absent an articulation agreement between the two institutions**. An “articulation agreement” is an agreement between two colleges as to which credits the receiving college will accept for transfer towards one or more of their academic programs. These agreements facilitate (but do not guarantee) the transfer of credits for students wishing to earn a bachelor’s degree.

Currently, Stautzenberger College, Brecksville, has articulation agreements with:

- **St. Petersburg College** ▪ **Tiffin University** ▪ **University of Phoenix**

In all cases, Stautzenberger College, Brecksville students must meet the specific entrance and educational requirements of the college or university to which they wish to transfer. This means that some, but not necessarily all, of their Stautzenberger credits **may** be accepted. The final decision is up to the transfer institution. **No institution may legally guarantee the transfer of its credit to any other institution**. The only way to ensure transferability is to meet with the institution to which you wish to transfer to confirm that it will accept credits earned at Stautzenberger College. We recommend that you request this assurance in writing to ensure that you have complete clarity.

I understand Stautzenberger College, Brecksville offers Associate of Applied Science and Associate of Applied Business degrees that relate specifically to career fields. I further recognize that my credits may or may not transfer to another college or university. Lastly, I understand that the only way to guarantee that credits will transfer is to obtain a written statement from the transfer institution delineating the credits that will be accepted.

Name

Date