



### **What is the Tuition Guarantee program?**

To help you reduce the time and cost of achieving an associate degree, we've created a Tuition Guarantee that locks in your tuition. Our goal is to help you get into the workforce or transfer more quickly, so you can spend more time doing the things you love.

### **Who is eligible for the program?**

All associate degree-seeking; new, continuing or returning Ohio residents and reciprocity students who enroll in 15 credits or more in Fall Semester or Spring Semester are eligible for the program.

### **What criteria are required for the program?**

You (students) must commit to:

- Maintaining continuous, full-time enrollment (at least 15 credit hours) in fall and spring semesters for three years or until you complete your degree, whichever comes first
- Signing a Pledge commitment form
- Creating an academic plan with your Owens Advisor

### **Do I have to sign a Pledge?**

Yes, this Pledge is part of your commitment toward meeting the program criteria and must be completed on your Ozone account by the 14th day of your first semester in this program.

### **Where is the Pledge?**

The Pledge can be found at on your Ozone account under the Academic Info tab.

### **What is an academic plan?**

An academic plan lists the courses needed to complete your selected academic program in the order they need to be taken.

### **How do I create an academic plan and when must I do this?**

Your advisor can help you create this plan, which must be completed by the end of the second semester of enrollment in this program.

### **How do I find out who my advisor is?**

You can find your advisor by logging onto Ozone and clicking Find Your Advisor in the Academic Profile box.

### **When does the program begin?**

The program begins in Fall 2015.

### **Can I attend in the summer?**

Summer enrollment is optional and is not considered a break from the program. Students who choose to enroll in a Summer semester will pay the frozen rate if attending full time.

### **How long is the tuition rate guaranteed?**

The duration of this program shall be three consecutive academic years from the beginning of enrollment in the program.

### **Do I have to be an Ohio resident to participate in the program?**

Yes, you must be considered an Ohio resident or reciprocity student to participate in the program. If you are unsure of your status, you can speak with someone in Oserve.

### **Can I take developmental education courses while in the program?**

Yes, you are eligible to take developmental education courses and they are counted toward your enrollment of at least 15 credits.

### **What if I finish my program in less than three years?**

There is no penalty for completing your degree in less than three years.

### **What if it takes longer than three years to finish my program?**

Courses taken after the end of the program will be at the tuition rate in effect at that time.

### **What if I can't get my classes because they are not offered or full?**

The College will make every effort to assist students with enrollment in an alternate course to ensure students are enrolled the required hours. These situations will be reviewed and documented by the Vice President of Academic Affairs or designee.

### **What if I don't enroll full time?**

Students who do not maintain at least 15 credit hours for fall and spring semesters are not eligible for the program and will be charged the current rate of tuition for that semester.

### **What if I am in the military and am called up?**

Students who have to withdraw due to military call-up will not be impacted by the consecutive year requirements of this program. Upon returning to Owens, these students will receive the opportunity to re-engage in the program and to complete the remaining semesters (up to 9 semesters in total) of the program.

### **How does the program work?**

Students will be charged the current tuition rate at the time of registration and will be guaranteed that rate for up to three consecutive academic years. If tuition increases while you are in the program, you will pay the new increased rate. If you meet all program requirements, you will be refunded the difference between the increased rate and your guaranteed rate at the end of each semester. If your tuition is paid by a third-party or non-refundable scholarship, the third-party or donor will be refunded.

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