

SSCC partners with Franklin University to offer bachelor's degree

Franklin University and Southern State Community College (SSCC) hosted an event Dec. 6 to officially mark the signing of the co-location agreement between the two institutions which will allow the offering of Franklin classes at SSCC's Fayette Campus in Washington Court House.

"I am just extremely delighted to be part of this ceremony today, particularly for the opportunity for people of our region to earn a bachelor's degree without leaving Fayette County," said Dr. Kevin Boys, SSCC President. "As you know, the mission of Southern State is to offer affordable, accessible, high quality education, and we view this new partnership with Franklin University as an extension of that mission."

Through this agreement, the two institutions have created a pathway for students to complete their bachelor degrees by transferring their SSCC associate's degree to Franklin. Students can take Franklin classes in a face-to-face format at the SSCC Fayette Campus in Franklin's Criminal Justice Administration major.

"The signing of our co-location partnership with Southern State Community College allows students in Southern Ohio to benefit from an expanded physical and financial access to education," said Bill Chan, Executive Director of Domestic Expansion and Regional Campuses. "By expanding the opportunities students have to complete a bachelor's degree we provide access to the broadest possible community of learners to achieve their goals and enrich the world."

Through this new co-location agreement, students benefit from Franklin's acceptance of previously earned college and professional education credits, minimizing the time and money it takes to earn a degree. This transfer-friendly policy, coupled with the University's convenient class schedules and regionally accredited curriculum allow today's adult students to achieve their education and career goals in balance with their personal, career, and financial responsibilities, all while staying within their own community.

"Franklin University is honored to partner with Southern State Community College," said Dr. David Decker, President of Franklin University. "It is a real pleasure for us to work with an institution like yours, Dr. Boys, that represents and maintains the high academic standards that we also reflect. I look forward to moving this program through to its success."

About Southern State Community College

Chartered in 1975, Southern State Community College offers associate degree programs, certificate programs, bachelor's degree completion through on-site partnership agreements, adult basic literacy courses and workforce training programs. With multiple campus locations, Southern State provides close-to-home convenience and a supportive community experience. Delivering on its mission to provide an affordable, accessible, high-quality education, Southern State offers flexible scheduling with day, evening, weekend, online and hybrid courses, and a tuition rate that is one of the lowest in the state. To learn more, please visit www.sccc.edu.

About Franklin University

Founded in 1902, Franklin University is one of the leading and most experienced educators of adult students. Annually, more than 11,000 students attend Franklin, both at its Main Campus in downtown

Columbus, Ohio, three Central Ohio locations, and at its location in Indianapolis, in addition to online. Franklin offers more than 40 undergraduate and graduate programs (with four new graduate programs available Winter 2013) and graduates more than 1,500 students annually. The University's MBA program is offered internationally through agreements with institutions in Europe and the Middle East. Further information regarding Franklin University can be found at www.franklin.edu.

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