

Policy Statement

The primary purpose of orientation is to provide students with information that will assist them in successfully navigating their college experience at Terra State Community College.

Policy Details

Terra State Community College will provide orientation to all new degree or certificate-seeking students. New student orientation will be available both in-person and online to meet student needs.

Procedures

The orientation program provides faculty members' academic expectations, an overview of the student handbook and support services, a financial aid session and an opportunity for a campus tour.

Students required to attend the orientation program are:

- Degree or certificate-seeking students entering the College for the first time or readmitting to the College with an absence of more than five (5) years.
- Graduating College Credit Plus (CCP) students entering as regular admitted students and who are degree or certificate seeking.

Students who are not required to attend the orientation program are limited to the following:

- Readmit whose last date of attendance was five (5) years or less.
- Guest, concurrently enrolled, or non-degree or non-certificate seeking students who wish to enroll in classes for personal enrichment or credit-based workforce development courses.

Please refer to the Admissions Policy for additional information.

Resources

[College Catalog and Student Handbook](#)

[Support Services](#)

Definitions

Term Definition

<i>Academic Advising</i>	Advising session with academic advisor to help make informed decisions about a major course of study, complete course selection, build an academic schedule and connect with resources
<i>Admissions Advising</i>	Advising session with admissions advisor to gather information which will assist in ensuring that the student has everything in place and is ready to schedule courses with their academic advisor
<i>Assessment Scores</i>	Scores on approved college readiness test that determine student placement in courses pertaining to English, reading and mathematics
<i>College Credit Plus (CCP) program</i>	State of Ohio program that provides students in grades 7-12 the opportunity to earn high school and college credit simultaneously by taking courses at participating Ohio colleges or universities.
<i>Prior Credit</i>	Courses taken at another institution of higher education that are documented on an official transcript from the institution where the courses were taken

Approval History

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