

ACCREDITATION, APPROVAL, AND LICENSURE OF INSTITUTION AND PROGRAMS

History

In 1903, Lorain Business College was established as a private, co-educational college focused on higher business education. The College was located in downtown Lorain. From 1913 to 1980, the School operated under the management of C. L. Bair. Programs offered include Junior Accounting, Secretarial, Comptometer, Stenographic and Key punch. In 1980, the Julia Corporation purchases Lorain Business College and moved the campus North Ridge Road, Lorain. At that time the curriculum consisted of Executive Secretarial, Business Administration, Accounting, Secretarial and Junior Accounting. In July 1980, the School was authorized to confer Associate degrees by the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools and in December 1980 the College was granted accreditation status by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS).

In September 1982, A branch campus was opened in Sandusky offering the same programs as the Lorain campus. In 1993, the Julia Corporation changes the school name from Lorain Business College to Southeastern Business College to better fit with the schools owned in the southern part of the state.

In October 1997, Tri-State Educational Systems Inc. purchases the Lorain and Sandusky campuses from the Julia Corporation. Effective April 1998, the Schools' names are officially changed to Ohio Business College.

In December 2008, the Colleges received Provisional Authorization from the Ohio Board of Regents for the associate degrees.

In August 2010, the College received approval to offer the truck driving programs with the range portion of the program taking place at the Middletown location.

In February 2018, the College received accreditation approval from the Council on Occupational Education (COE) through 2023.

In January, 2019, the College opened a campus Extension in Lorain, Ohio.

In March 2021, the College opened a branch campus in Columbus, Ohio.

January 2022, the Sandusky Campus began a Practical Nursing program.

In June 2023, the College received reaffirmation approval from the Council on Occupational Education (COE) through 2029.

June 2024, the College began offering the Practical Nursing program at the Sheffield Campus.

August 2024, the Columbus campus was moved to the current location and in September began offering the Electrical Applications program.

In March, 2025 the Sheffield Campus opened a learning center in Elyria and moved the Electrical Applications program there.

In March 2025, the Sandusky Campus did a teach out of all programs and closed.

Approvals/Accreditation/Authorization to Operate

Ohio Business College is accredited by the Council on Occupational Education (COE).

Council on Occupational Education (COE)
7840 Roswell Road, Building 300, Suite 325
Atlanta, GA 30350
Phone: (770) 396-3898 or (800) 917-2081
Website: <http://www.council.org/>

Ohio Business College holds a Certificate of Registration and Program Authorization and is authorized to grant diplomas and Associate Degrees from:

State Board of Career Colleges and Schools
30 East Broad Street, 24th Floor, Suite 2481
Columbus, OH 43215
Phone: (614) 466-2752
Toll Free: (877) 275-4219
Website: <http://www.state.oh.us/scr/>

Ohio Business College holds a Certificate of Authorization for the Associate Degrees from:

Ohio Department of Higher Education
25 South Front Street
Columbus, OH 43215
Website: www.OhioHigherEd.org

Ohio Business College - Truck Driving Academy holds a State License from (licensed as a CDL Driver Training School):

The Ohio Department of Public Safety
1970 West Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43223

<http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/>

Ohio Business College Sheffield Main Branch Campus holds a Full Approval Certificate from:

Ohio Board of Nursing
17 S. High Street, Suite 660
Columbus, Ohio 43215
<https://nursing.ohio.gov/>

APPROVALS

- ◆ Ohio State Board of Career Colleges and Schools
- ◆ Ohio Board of Nursing
- ◆ Ohio State Approving Agency for Training Veterans, Veteran's Widows, and Orphans
- ◆ Ohio State Approving Agency for Training of Students under Vocational Rehabilitation and Disabled Veterans
- ◆ Ohio Department of Higher Education
- ◆ Ohio Academic Scholarship
- ◆ Ohio National Guard Scholarship
- ◆ Authorized Pearson VUE Testing Center
- ◆ Authorized Certiport Testing Center
- ◆ Ohio Department of Public Safety (licensed as a CDL Driver Training School)
- ◆ VA Educational Benefits
- ◆ Authorized by the U.S. Department of Education to participate in federal student financial aid programs