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Whether you're seeking a better job, a career change, or simply the satisfaction that comes from obtaining a college degree, Rhodes State can help you achieve your goal.

Entering college for the first time or returning to continue your education is a big step. But you are not alone! In fall 2010, over 45 percent of Rhodes State College students were over the age of 25. A college degree can truly change a person's life. In fact, Rhodes State graduates see an 18% rate of return on their investments of time and money. Benefits of higher education are most obvious from the student perspective: students sacrifice current earnings in return for a lifetime of higher income. For every credit completed, Rhodes State students earn, on average, \$101 more per year each year they are in the workforce. Compared to someone with a high school diploma, Associate Degree graduates will see an increase in income of around \$384,800 over the course of a working lifetime. For every \$1 students invest in Rhodes State, they receive a cumulative of \$5.80 in higher future income over their working careers.

Additionally, we offer a supportive environment and the real-world, hands-on training that today's employers demand. With strong ties to the community, 100 majors and certificates and over 1,200 specialized training opportunities, Rhodes State is not only the most affordable educational option in West-Central Ohio, we are also one of the fastest growing two-year colleges in Ohio.

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How can I learn more?

Why not visit campus to see if Rhodes State is right for you? We offer open houses to give prospective students the opportunity to see the diversity of academic programs and the classrooms, labs, study areas, and technology appropriate to each program. You can also schedule a campus visit by contacting the Admissions Office.

What if I'm not sure about my major?

We can help you explore your career interests and possibilities through our career planning system. FOCUS II is a computer-administered test in which there are no wrong answers. What's required is your honesty about likes, dislikes, and interests, and your strengths and weaknesses in certain areas. The test scores your responses to help you investigate career clusters such as: sales/management, arts/communication, social/personal services, business operations, outdoor/mechanical, or science/technical. Because the test measures your preferences and aptitudes for career types, the FOCUS II career planning system is a proven strategy that demonstrates what college majors you should consider. The test is administered free of charge to all admitted students.

How do I start?

- 1 Your first step toward continuing your education is to submit an application to Rhodes State, along with the \$25 application fee. Apply online at www.rhodesstate.edu, in person in the Admissions Office, or call (419) 995-8320 to have an application mailed to you.
- 2 You must also have your high school transcripts sent to Rhodes State College. If you have a GED, bring your certificate to the Office of Admissions and Advising so that a copy may be retained in your student file. If you have attended other colleges or universities, those transcripts must also be sent to Rhodes State.
- 3 Once your application has been received, you will need to schedule placement testing at the Rhodes State Testing Center to determine your current math, reading comprehension, English proficiency, and computer proficiency. Results are used to develop your schedule and educational plan.
- 4 The final step is to attend a Rhodes State New Student Orientation and Registration Session. If you desire more individualized advising, you can schedule an appointment with an academic advisor by calling (419) 995-8400.

Scott Cummings

"Rhodes gave me the traits and skills to go on and earn my four-year degree. Now...instead of my looking for a job, jobs are looking for me. Knowledge is power."



Stephanie Wilson

“My overall experience at Rhodes is one of fond memories. The education I received was, is and will always be an invaluable asset to my career. The One Night A Week program was both challenging and rewarding at the same time. The reward of completing such a program provides a major sense of accomplishment.”

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Can I afford it?

Two-year colleges provide the most economical pathway to the job market or a four-year degree. You may be eligible for four major types of financial aid –

- Grants
- Loans
- Scholarships
- Work-study

This aid may be used to help pay for tuition, fees, textbooks, and supplies. Grants do not need to be repaid. Loans, on the other hand, are offered through federal funding programs and must be repaid. (Unsubsidized loans must be repaid with interest; subsidized loans are interest-free when you are enrolled at least half time.) Scholarships that correspond to specific academic programs, such as allied health and nursing, engineering and information technology, business and public service, are additional opportunities to obtain financial support. A combination of these funding sources, as well as working on campus through the Federal Workstudy Program, can stretch your financial capabilities.

You must apply for Financial Aid as a first step. To request a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) worksheet, please call (419) 995-8800. The FAFSA must be submitted online at www.fafsa.gov. Depending on when you plan to start attending Rhodes State, this step may come before or after you submit your application for admission. Our Financial Aid Office recommends that you start this process at least two months before the term you plan to enroll.

Financial Aid Office

419.995.8800

To learn more about financial aid, visit
www.RhodesState.edu/financialaid.

Steps in the FAFSA Process

Go to www.fafsa.gov. If you follow these basic steps, you could complete your FAFSA on the Web in as little as an hour or two.

Step 1: Get a PIN.

What is a PIN?

The PIN is a four-digit number issued to you by the Department of Education that allows you to:

- Complete and sign the FAFSA electronically.
- Check the results of your FAFSA and make corrections to your application online.

Step 2: Complete the “FAFSA on the Web” Worksheet.

This tool will help you gather the information needed on the official FAFSA. You can download the worksheet after January 1.

Step 3: File your FAFSA.

Complete your FAFSA on the Internet. Apply as soon as you can (after January 1) because funding can be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Once you have obtained your PIN and you have completed the “FAFSA on the Web” worksheet, log on to www.fafsa.gov after Jan. 1 to file your FAFSA. Make sure to list Rhodes State’s federal school code, 010027, in the school release section. Complete each step and write down your confirmation number when you finish entering the form.

Step 4: Monitor the Status of your FAFSA.

After you’ve filed your form, you can check the status of your FAFSA online, or you can call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-433-3243 and use its automated response system. If you do not receive a response from the Department of Education within two weeks of submitting your FAFSA, you should contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center for assistance.

Step 5: Receive Status from Rhodes State.

You will receive a letter giving additional information on your financial aid status.

If your place of employment has educational reimbursement benefits, you may be eligible to defer your tuition payments for one quarter. Rhodes State College also has a Student Installment Payment Plan.

What about my previous experiences?

Rhodes State College recognizes the value of your past work experience, on-the-job training, and specialized training in which you have participated. In response to your needs, we’ve developed four ways in which you can earn college credit based on your past work and training history.

- 1 Credit by Transfer
- 2 Credit by Examination
- 3 Credit for Experience (Life/Work)
- 4 Credit for Non-Academic Instruction (Non-credit)





How can I fit college into my already busy schedule?

If you cannot fit traditionally-delivered courses into your active life, but want to pursue college credit or non-credit coursework, you may select one of several alternatives such as online courses, telecourses, Webcasting or self-paced courses. Not all Rhodes State's course offerings are offered through the Center for Distance Education, so it is important that you get a list of classes that are available from the Center. Rhodes State also offers a wide variety of course schedules, with day, evening, and weekend schedules for those students coping with life responsibilities such as family commitments, full- or part-time jobs, and community activities.

What support services are available?

You'll find support services at every turn, making Rhodes State the ideal place for you to pursue a college degree. Our faculty and staff understand that the challenges you face in returning to school are different from those of the average traditional-aged student, and they are ready to help you succeed. Here are a few services we provide:

- Tutoring, Study Aids, and Assistive Technology
- Career Planning and Services
- Child Care
- Dental Hygiene Clinic
- Distance Education
- Library
- Testing Center
- Disability Services
- The Learning Center and Math/Science Skills Center
- Developmental Education

Go to www.rhodesstate.com for more information.

Rhodes State College maintains a valuable partnership with the Allen County Center for Employment and Training (ACCENT). The partnership through this One Stop opens doors for students who may be in need of assistance outside of what the college itself offers. Through ACCENT, students have the opportunity to access services such as uniform needs, transportation, day care assistance, and Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds. The Allen County One Stop offers orientation on a weekly basis. You can inquire more about these options by contacting ACCENT at 419-999-0360 or at www.accentohio.com.



Special Programs

Business Administration One-Night-a-Week Program

This major is designed for working adults with classes offered in a one-night-a-week format and can be completed within 24 months. With classes just one-night-a-week, you can continue to work full time while gaining new knowledge to help you advance in your career. Two other options for obtaining this major include traditional classroom or distance education. A business administration associate degree explores all facets of business, increasing your employment potential and can serve as an important first step toward attaining your bachelor's degree.

Quick Start to College

Rhodes State College is one of three colleges in Ohio to offer Quick Start, a program designed to make it easier for adults to enter the higher education system. If you have found it difficult to attend college in the past, either because you needed certain skills, lacked support, required financial aid, or didn't have the time, Quick Start can help. In a five-week Quick Start course, you'll explore your learning style, complete a career assessment to match you with potential career options, receive assistance in completing the Free Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA), and gain access to academic advising and professional Math and English tutors. The course is delivered at three locations: Rhodes State, Apollo Career Center, and Vantage Career Center. To register for the Quick Start, call (419) 993-7415.

Veterans Services

Veterans who are pursuing a certificate or an associate degree may be eligible to receive benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs. Benefits are available under the following programs:

[Chapter 30: Montgomery GI Bill](#)

[Chapter 31: Vocational Rehabilitation](#)

[Chapter 33: Post 9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2008](#)

[Chapter 35: Survivor & Dependent Educational Assistance](#)

[Chapter 1606: Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve/Ohio National Guard](#)

[Chapter 1607: Reserve Education Assistance Program](#)

Jason May

“The One-Night-A-Week Business Administration program allowed me to earn my two-year degree while handling other responsibilities as a full-time working father and husband.”

Allied Health

Associate Degree Programs

Dental Hygiene
Emergency Medical Services
Health Information Technology Program
(Marion Tech)
Medical Assisting
Medical Laboratory Technology (Marion Tech)
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Physical Therapist Assistant
Radiographic Imaging (Radiography and
Computed Tomography)
Respiratory Care

Certificates

Allied Health to Paramedic
Clinical Procedures
EMT-Basic
EMT-Paramedic
EMT-Intermediate
Medical Coding
Sleep Technology

Arts & Sciences

Associate Degree Programs

Associate of Arts
Associate of Science

Business and Public Service

Associate Degree Programs

Accounting
Business Administration
- One Night A Week
- Distance Education format
Business Management
Corrections
Early Childhood Education
Educational Paraprofessional
Financial Services
Human Resource
Human Service
Law Enforcement
Marketing
Paralegal/Legal Assisting

Certificates

Accounting Clerk
Activity Directing
Advanced Activity Directing
American Sign Language
Basic Peace Officer Academy - OPOTC
Business Administration
(Available Distance Education Format)
Business Management
Child Development Associate

Developmental Disabilities
Early Childhood Education
Early Childhood Education Administrator
Financial Services - Healthcare Emphasis
Financial Services - Banking Emphasis
Financial Services - Investment Emphasis
Human Resource Management
Marketing
Paralegal/Legal Assisting
Real Estate Sales License
Tax Preparer
Team Leadership

Information Technology and Engineering Technology

Associate Degree Programs

Engineering Technology

Civil Design Technology
Concrete Technology
Design Engineering Technology
Electronic Engineering Technology
Environmental, Health and Safety
Industrial Engineering Technology
Manufacturing Engineering Technology
Mechanical Engineering Technology
Quality Engineering Technology

Information Technology

Digital Media Technology
Network Engineering Technology
Network Security
Networking
Office Administration
- Executive Administrative Assistant
- Medical Administrative Assistant
- Office Manager
Web Programming/Computer Programming

Certificates

Architectural/Interior Design
CAD Operator
Cisco Network Associate
Cisco Network Professional
Computer Numerical Control
Concrete Professional
Desktop Publishing
Digital Media Technology
Drafting (One-Year)
Emergency Responder
Environmental Specialist
GIS Technician
Industrial Ergonomics
Internal Quality Auditor
Inventory and Production Planning
IT/Networking
Keyboarding/Word Processing

Lean-Six Sigma Methods
Medical Transcription
Microcomputer
Microcontrollers
Microsoft Networking
Network Security
OSHA 40-Hour Safety Training
PC Repair
Planning for Quality Improvement
Pre-gaming Design
Programmable Controllers
Quality Engineering Technology
Quality Management
Robotic Operation & Programming
Safety Specialist
Six Sigma Green Belt
Software
Surveying
Troubleshooting
Video and Graphic Specialist
Web Programming/Computer Programming
World Wide Web Home Page

Nursing

Associate Degree Programs

Nursing
LPN to ADN Transition Program

Certificates

Practical Nursing

Important Directory Information

Admissions 419.995.8320
Advising 419.995.8400
Division of Allied Health 419.995.8836
Division of Arts & Sciences 419.995.8213
Athletics 419.995.8281
Bookstore 419.221.0610
Division of Business and Public Service
419.995.8836
The Business Office (Tuition and Fees)
419.995.8473
Career Placement Services 419.995.8352
Development Office 419.995.8044
Distance Education Center 419.995.8870
Financial Aid 419.995.8800
Help Desk (Computer) 419.995.8069
Housing Information 419.995.8415
Division of Information Technology
and Engineering Technology 419.995.8372
The Learning Center (Tutoring) 419.995.8039
Library 419.995.8401
Division of Nursing 419.995.8275
Math/Science Skills Center 419.993.7402
Office of the President 419.995.8200
Registration 419.995.8400
Student Activities 419.995.8415
Testing Center 419.995.8476



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