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**RE**: Announcement of RHE Program Alignment, Amended

This memo serves as a notification and formal announcement of the RHE Program Alignment plans, which support the One OHIO Strategy and the OHIO Strategic Framework. Through conversations with university leadership and academic units, we considered the options for program alignment that were outlined in the Regional Higher Education Task Force report from November 2018: maintain academic programs in RHE, align RHE programs to an academic college, align RHE programs to academic colleges based on discipline or area of expertise. Ultimately, the model that best supports with the overall OHIO Strategic Framework aligns RHE programs to academic colleges based on discipline or area of expertise.

Current degree programs within the Office of Regional Higher Education will academically realign to the following units, effective with the 2020-2021 academic year.

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| **Program Name** | **Destination / Aligned College** |
| **Baccalaureate Degrees** | |
| Applied Management | College of Business |
| Sport & Lifestyle Studies | Patton College of Education |
| Technical & Applied Studies | University College |
| **Associate of Applied Business Degrees** | |
| Accounting Technology | College of Business |
| Business Management Technology | College of Business |
| Computer Science Technology | Russ College of Engineering |
| **Associate of Applied Science Degrees** | |
| Electronic Media | Scripps College of Communication |
| Equine Studies | Patton College of Education |
| Engineering Technology | Russ College of Engineering |
| Environmental Engineering Technology | Russ College of Engineering |
| Human Services Technology | College of Health Sciences & Professions |
| Law Enforcement Technology | University College |
| Medical Assisting Technology | College of Health Sciences & Professions |
| **Other** | |
| Real Estate courses | University College |
| \*Office Administration Technology (OAT) courses | University College |
| \*Health Technology (HTCH) courses | College of Health Sciences & Professions |

Additional RHE Program Information:

1. The Associate of Technical Studies needs reactivated and updated. Once active, this degree will align with University College.
2. Two RHE programs are not included in the alignment: Office Administration Technology and Health Technology. Office Administration Technology plans to submit documentation for an official program sunset; \*courses will move to University College for curriculum management. Health Technology is completing their teach-out; \*courses will move to the College of Health Sciences & Professions for curriculum management.
3. The Associate in Nursing moved to CHSP in fall 2019.
4. Academic and administrative oversight for OHIO’s Print-based education program will move from RHE to University College. Day-to-day operations and student support services will continue through the Office of Instructional Innovation.

This program alignment will directly affect program faculty and back-end student support functions. Although many details are still in development, program realignment means the following will shift from RHE to the aligned academic college:

* Faculty reporting lines
* Curriculum management, assessment, and reporting
* Student support functions, including evaluation of transfer credit, degree conferral, program substitutions, probation/dismissal/reinstatement, change of major processing, and records management

Implementation of this realignment will begin following the January 2020 Ohio University Board of Trustees meeting.

\*Amended content submitted on 25 November 2019.