

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
By and Between
Cuyahoga Community College District
and
Cuyahoga Valley Career Center
Fiber Optics Program

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (the “MOU”) is entered into on this 15th day of May 2026 (the “Effective Date”) by and between Cuyahoga Community College District (the “College”), with an address at 700 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115-2878; and Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (“CVCC”) 8001 Brecksville Rd, Brecksville, Ohio 44141. The College is an institution of higher education established pursuant to Section 3354 of the Ohio Revised Code, and CVCC offers job field certifications/licensures, professional programs, and pathways leading to college credit. The College and CVCC desire to enter into a contract pursuant to which certain coursework completed at CVCC in their Fiber Optic Technician (FOT) Program which may result in the completion of a Certified Fiber Optic Technician Certification (CFOT), would transfer as college credits, according to the terms contained in this MOU.

ACCORDINGLY, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants contained in this MOU, and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Description of Memorandum of Understanding.

- a. MOU Criteria and MOU Benefits are defined on Attachment A.
- b. CVCC students who meet the MOU Criteria will be eligible for the MOU Benefits; *provided* that this MOU does not and is not intended to confer any rights or remedies upon any party other than the College and CVCC.
- c. This MOU is not exclusive, and either party may enter into similar agreements with any other party.

2. Duties and Warranties of CVCC.

- a. CVCC utilizes a Fiber Optics Association (FOA) curriculum referenced on Attachment A. CVCC will notify the college of changes in curriculum prior to implementation.
- b. Once each academic term, CVCC will identify those of its students (the “Potentially Eligible Students”) who meet or who, within six months, may be reasonably expected to meet, MOU Criteria 1a (see Attachment A). Once each academic term, CVCC will notify all Potentially Eligible Students of their potential eligibility for the MOU Benefits and will encourage them to consider applying to the College.
- c. Once each academic term, CVCC will provide a list of all Potentially Eligible Students’ names, postal addresses, and email addresses (to the extent such disclosures are not prohibited by law) to the College. CVCC will cooperate reasonably with the College’s efforts to solicit the interest of Potentially Eligible Students in the College.
- d. For each CVCC student who applies to the College and seeks MOU Benefits, CVCC will certify and warrant that the student has met the MOU Criteria (assuming the student has done so), using a document in the form attached as Exhibit A.
- e. For each CVCC student who applies to the College, CVCC will deliver to the College proof that the student earned the Certified Fiber Optic Technician Certification (CFOT) after receiving a request to do so.
- f. CVCC warrants that it is approved through the FOA to offer CFOT curriculum. CVCC covenants that it will immediately notify the College upon learning that any of its approvals no longer exists or will likely cease to exist.

3. Duties and Warranties of the College.

For those CVCC students who meet Articulation Criteria 1(a,) and are included in the document called for in Section 2, the College will consider their applications for admission in accordance with standard College admission application evaluation criteria. If such a student is admitted to and becomes a student of the College, the College will make available to such students the MOU Benefits upon receipt of completed Student Form found in Exhibit A. (No special admission preference will be given to CVCC students.)

4. Term and Termination.

- a. This MOU will run from the Effective Date until the end of the last day of the Spring, 2031 academic term of the College, at which time this MOU will automatically expire.
- b. Either party may terminate this MOU with or without cause by providing notice to the other party, effective upon the later date to occur of (i) the end of the then-current academic term of the College, or (ii) the date that is 30 days after the notice. Either party may terminate this MOU in the event of a material breach by the other party, effective 10 days after providing notice that includes a description of the breach; *provided* that the breaching party shall be allowed said 10 days to cure said breach, and if the breach is so cured the termination notice will be of no effect.

INTENDING TO BE LEGALLY BOUND, by signing below, each party acknowledges its agreement with the terms and conditions of this MOU and each signatory represents and warrants that he/she is authorized to sign on behalf of and to bind his/her party to all of the terms and conditions of this MOU as of the Effective Date.

**CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT:**

CUYAHOGA VALLEY CAREER CENTER:

By: _____
Lindsay S. English, Ph.D.
Executive Vice President and Chief Academic
Officer

By: _____
Dr. Marcy R. Green
Assistant Superintendent

Signatures on file

Attachment A
To the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Dated May 15, 2026
By and Between
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MOU Criteria and MOU Benefits

Cuyahoga Community College (College) has entered into a cooperative agreement with Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) to equate learning experiences to college coursework. Students who have completed these programs and meet the criteria of the agreement are guaranteed transfer credit (see below for details).

1. The MOU criteria (“MOU Criteria”) are:

- a. Completion and certification (CFOT) of the Fiber Optic Technician (FOT) Program.
- b. Student must enroll in at least one course at Tri-C within three years after completion of certification of the Fiber Optic Technician (FOT) Program.
- c. Submission of the College standard application for admission **and acceptance to the College**, in accordance with the general rules governing submission of such applications. (No special admission preference will be given to Cuyahoga Valley Career Center students).
- d. Delivery to the College: completed student Form (Exhibit A).

2. The MOU benefits (“MOU Benefits”) are:

- a. Completion and certification (CFOT) of the Fiber Optic Technician (FOT) Program will result in the following credits at the College:
 - CNST 2220 Telecommunications Systems, 3 credit hours
- b. CNST 2220 can be used toward Short-Term Construction Operations Certificate requirements, Associate of Applied Science, Utilities Technologies degree requirements or toward any other degree at the college but may be considered elective credit depending on the degree requirements.
- c. CNST 2220 credit will be awarded along with any other CTAG or CCP credit earned. Please consult CVCC advisors to learn what CTAGs are available.

