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Statewide Transfer and Articulation Opportunities for Students

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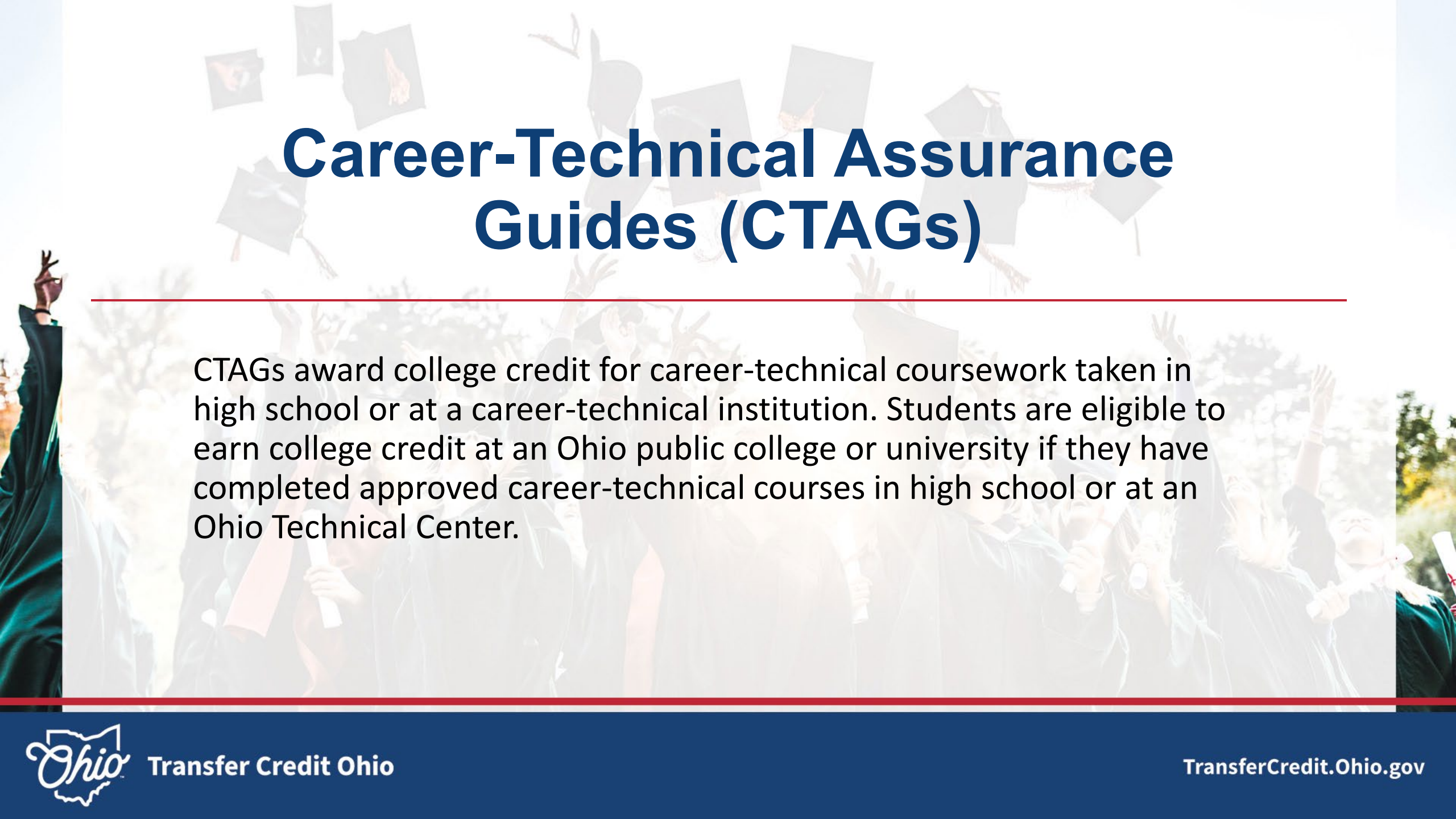
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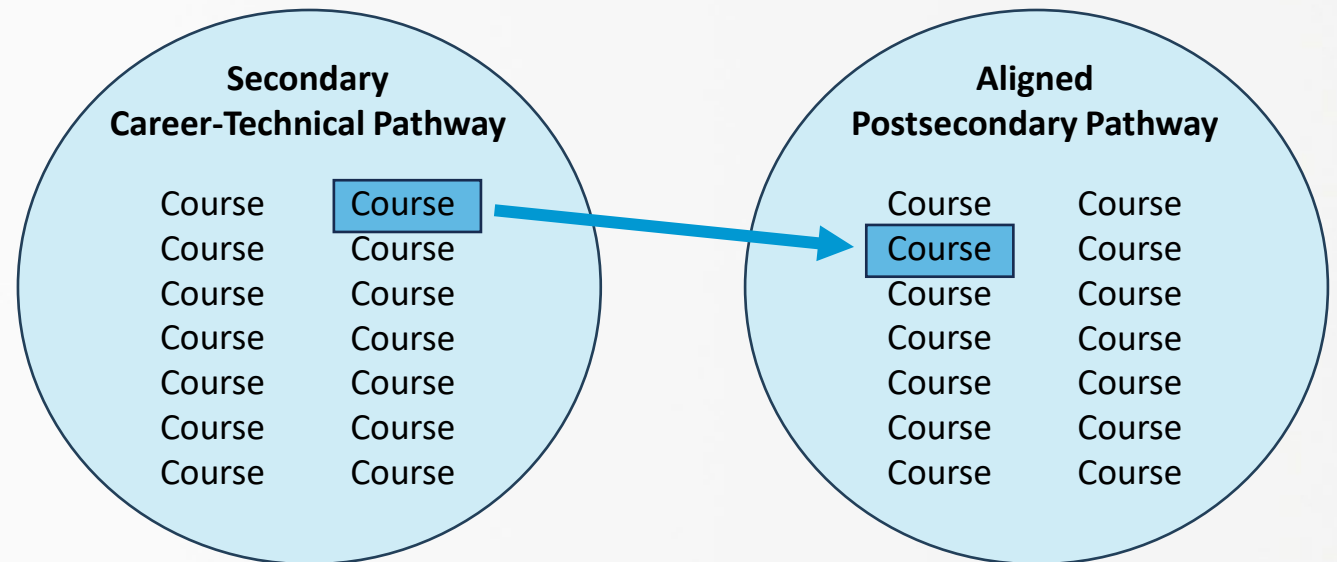
Career-Technical Assurance Guides (CTAGs)

CTAGs award college credit for career-technical coursework taken in high school or at a career-technical institution. Students are eligible to earn college credit at an Ohio public college or university if they have completed approved career-technical courses in high school or at an Ohio Technical Center.



Career-Technical Assurance Guides (CTAGs)

- Alignment of secondary career-technical courses to introductory college courses at Ohio public colleges and universities
- Supported by legislation (Section 3333.162 of the Ohio Revised Code)
- Joint effort between ODHE and the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce
- Goal is for students to earn credit towards an academic pathway



Career-Technical Assurance Guides (CTAGs)

Student Eligibility Criteria:

- Successful completion of aligned and approved CTE course/program
- Qualifying score on the end-of-course WebXam **after** course completion
- Matriculation within three years of high school graduation to an **Ohio public college or university** that offers an equivalent course/program

Special Considerations:

- Articulated credit; **awarded upon matriculation**
- Does not affect student's college GPA
- College/university must offer equivalent course for course-to-course transfer



Career-Technical Assurance Guides (CTAGs)

How to Access Credit:

- The Career-Technical Articulation Verification (CTAV) system allows colleges to identify students who are eligible for CTAG credit.
- Students can grant permission when they take the aligned WebXam for colleges to post credit once they matriculate.
- If a student initially says no, they can reach out to the college to grant permission upon matriculation.



CTE CTAV Acknowledgment



The WebXam you have just completed is associated with one of [Ohio's Career-Technical Assurance Guides \(CTAGs\)](#) and carries the opportunity for college credit. Please read the information below and provide an answer regarding the award of transfer credit at Ohio's public colleges and universities.

CTAGs allow students who successfully complete secondary career-technical education courses, and who earn a proficient or greater score on the corresponding WebXam, the opportunity to earn college credit. A joint initiative between the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Higher Education allows the information needed to transfer credit for students to be shared electronically with Ohio's public colleges and universities.

Only passing scores students earn on WebXam assessments will be shared with Ohio public colleges and universities, and only the schools to which a student has applied will have access to the score(s).

Prior to awarding college credit, students are [required](#) to grant permission to the college or university they plan to attend. The transfer credit will then be posted to the transcript.

Do you grant permission to Ohio public colleges and universities to post credit associated with the completed WebXam to your transcript if you have applied and intend to enroll at the institution?

- ☐ Yes, I authorize the Ohio public college or university to post credit on my transcript
- ☐ No, I do not authorize the Ohio public college or university to post credit on my transcript



Permission to Post Credit

If the student did not give permission on the WebXam...

- Within current academic year: Contact CETE at support@webxam.org
- After graduation: Encourage them to follow up with the Registrar/Admissions at their college/university to ask what they need to do to give permission now
- A CTAG Verification Form is **NOT** appropriate as a way for students to give permission



CTAGs and GPA:

- If the secondary school has advanced standing courses (CCP, AP, or IB) or honors courses that are weighted, then the school MUST weight all career-technical education CTAG/ITAG eligible courses.
- At the post-secondary institution, CTAG credit constitutes articulated credit: It is posted to a student's transcript upon matriculation, does not bear a grade, and does not factor into a student's GPA at that college or university



Best Practices

What you and your colleagues can do to make things go more smoothly for your students:

- Inform students which courses in your CTE programs are CTAG courses
- Ensure your faculty are having students sit for end-of-course WebXams only **after** they have taken the associated course
- Help students identify colleges with aligned programs and approved courses (i.e., colleges where they're guaranteed to get credit)
- Make sure that all your CTE marketing and recruitment materials contain correct information about CTAG credit and where students can access it
- Encourage students to advocate for themselves at college, but do so in a collaborative spirit



Best Practices

What you and your colleagues can do to make things go more smoothly for your students:

- Do **not** send verification forms for students unless explicitly requested by the college/university or ODHE staff
- Report official course titles and/or EMIS codes on student transcripts, rather than generic program titles (e.g., “Information Technology Junior Course 1”)
- Report SSIDs clearly on student transcripts
- Explain the Permission to Post question to students before they take the WebXam

CTAG Resources

[CTAG Information](#): contains detailed information on all CTAG courses

- CTAG Guidance Document at the top of the page provides an overview of all CTAG areas.
 - Approval for courses listed on the CTAV tab is tied to the CTE-26 approval process.
 - Approval for courses listed on the Non-CTAV tab requires submission of documentation to ODHE for approval. Email Angelique McCown (AMcCown@highered.ohio.gov) for guidance.



CTAGs Additional Resources:

- CTAG Descriptions: page containing detailed information on all CTAG courses; CTAG Guidance Document at the top of the page provides an overview of all CTAG areas
- Credit Transfer Tool: tool for students that shows CTAG course approvals at Ohio's public colleges and universities
- Course Reporting System: tool for faculty and staff that shows CTAG course approvals at Ohio's public colleges and universities
- FAQ page for high school faculty and staff: answers common questions regarding CTAG policies, processes, and eligibility criteria
- Promotional flyer for high school students and families: compares CTAG, AP, and CCP credit



Difficulty Accessing CTAG Credit

- Direct the student to speak with their academic advisor at their new college or university. The advisor will be able to direct the student to the appropriate office on campus that processes CTAG credit.
- If a student encounters unusual difficulties accessing CTAG credit (e.g., college refuses to honor CTAG credit even if student is eligible), please reach out to Angelique McCown (AMcCown@highered.ohio.gov) immediately to share details so that ODHE staff can investigate the situation.
- If a student asks someone at their college or university about CTAG credit and that person doesn't know anything about CTAG credit, direct them to follow up with the office that processes transfer credit. (This is usually the Registrar, but it may be Admissions or another office.) If you're not sure whom to contact at a particular college, please reach out to Angelique McCown (AMcCown@highered.ohio.gov) to ask.





College Credit Opportunities for Ohio's High School Career-Tech Students

WHAT ARE THESE OPPORTUNITIES?



Career-Technical Assurance Guides (CTAGs)

CTAGs grant college credit for career-technical coursework taken at either an Ohio public high school or career-technical center. Credit is awarded for a qualifying score on an end-of-course WebXam administered by the Ohio Department of Education.



College Credit Plus (CCP)

CCP is a dual-enrollment program that allows students to earn high school and college credit at the same time. You may apply for CCP admission at any Ohio public college and/or participating private college.



Advanced Placement (AP)

AP exams test students on their mastery of college-level coursework taken in high school. Credit is awarded for scores of 3 or higher on an AP exam administered by the College Board (an independent organization).

HOW DO I QUALIFY?

Career-Technical Assurance Guides (CTAGs)

Any student in Ohio is eligible to take career-technical coursework through their public high school or career center. To qualify for college credit, you must:

- successfully complete a career-technical course that has been approved for CTAG credit;
- earn a qualifying score on the end-of-course WebXam; and
- enroll at an Ohio public college or university that offers courses in a similar program within three years after high school graduation.

College Credit Plus (CCP)

Any resident of Ohio in grades 7-12 is eligible to apply for CCP admission to any Ohio public or participating private college. The college will decide whether to admit you based on your college readiness in one or more subject areas. You should speak with your high school counselor to explore your eligibility for CCP and submit your Intent to Participate form.

Advanced Placement (AP)

Any high school student is eligible to take an AP course and exam.

To qualify for college credit, you will need to earn a score of 3 or higher on the AP exam.

College Credit Opportunities for Ohio's Career-Tech Students

WILL THIS AFFECT MY COLLEGE GPA?

Career-Technical Assurance Guides and Advanced Placement

No. CTAG credit and AP credit do not affect a student's college GPA.

College Credit Plus

Yes. Your grades in CCP courses will appear on both your high school and college transcripts and will affect both your high school and college GPAs.

HOW CAN I DETERMINE THE COLLEGE COURSES FOR WHICH I'LL RECEIVE CREDIT?



Visit the Credit Transfer Tool to explore your college options and learn how these opportunities will apply at Ohio's public colleges and universities!

<https://transfercredit.ohio.gov/tool>

HOW DO I TRANSFER MY CREDIT?

Career-Technical Assurance Guides

When you take the end-of-course WebXam, you will have the chance to grant permission to have CTAG credit automatically posted to your college transcript. Your college advisor can assist you if further steps are needed to have the credit posted at your college or university.

College Credit Plus

Send a transcript from your CCP college to the college or university that you attend after graduating from high school.

Advanced Placement

Send a score report to your college from the College Board website. Once your scores are received by your college, appropriate credit will be awarded for scores of 3 or higher.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH MY COLLEGE CREDIT?

Talk to your college advisor for assistance. Additionally, students expecting CTAG credit can also reach out to their high school and/or career center for further guidance.

Industry-Recognized Credentials Transfer Assurance Guides (ITAGs)

Industry Recognized Credential Transfer Assurance Guides (ITAGs) guarantee the awarding of college credit for anyone who holds one or more approved industry-recognized credentials, regardless of how and where the credentials were earned.



Industry-Recognized Credential Transfer Assurance Guides (ITAGs)

Student Eligibility Criteria:

- Attainment of an industry-recognized credential that has been established as an ITAG

Special Considerations:

- Students with a current ITAG-eligible credential qualify for credit, regardless of where or how the learning was achieved to pass the credentialing exam. Your students can qualify for ITAG credit!
- College/university must offer equivalent course



Industry-Recognized Credential Transfer Assurance Guides (ITAGs)

How to Access Credit:

- Student will need to submit verification of credential to the college or university. The [ITAG Guidance Document](#) includes specific verification information for each ITAG credential.

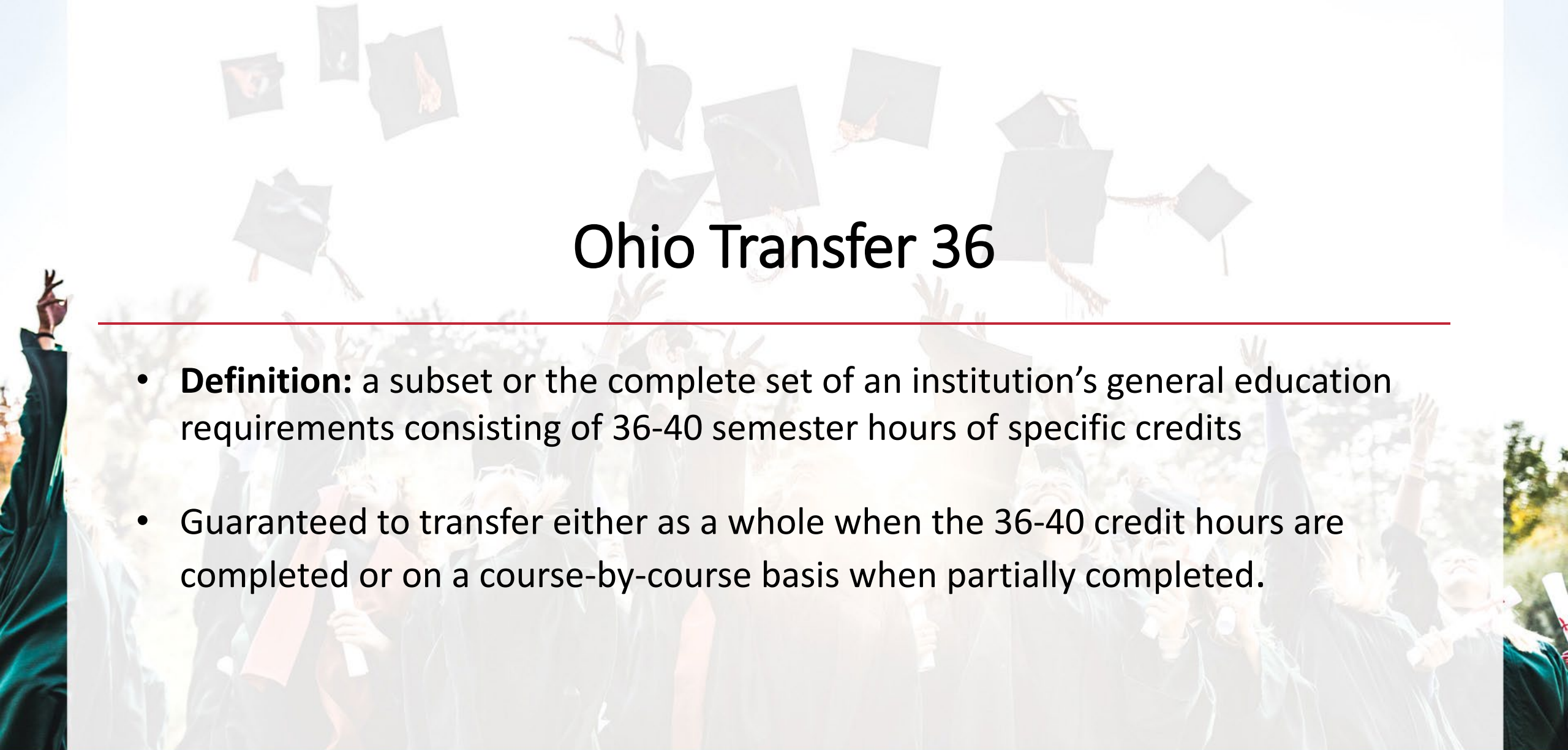
Additional Resources:

- [ITAG Information](#): page containing detailed information on all ITAG courses; ITAG Guidance Document at the top of the page provides an overview of all ITAG areas
- [Credit Transfer Tool](#) and [Course Reporting System](#)



ITAGs vs. CTAGs

- Many of the ITAGs to date were developed from existing CTAGs. Your students could qualify for credit through either opportunity (e.g., by passing the Network Security CTE course and accompanying WebXam for CTAG credit or by earning the CompTIA Security+ certification for ITAG credit).
- A handful of CTAG courses have always required students to earn a third-party certification or license to qualify for credit, rather than a proficient WebXam score (e.g., OSHA, Cisco Networking, ServSafe, Practical Nursing, EMT, Firefighter, etc.). These courses have continued to require use of the [CTAG Verification Form](#) (i.e., they don't use the CTAV system); these credential-based CTAGs have all been established as ITAGs.
- If you no longer want to complete a bunch of verification forms for your students, you can advise them to access ITAG credit by providing them guidelines for how to provide proof of their credential to their college (which will vary for each certification). You can find instructions on the appropriate verification method for each ITAG certification on the [ITAG Guidance Document](#).

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Ohio Transfer 36

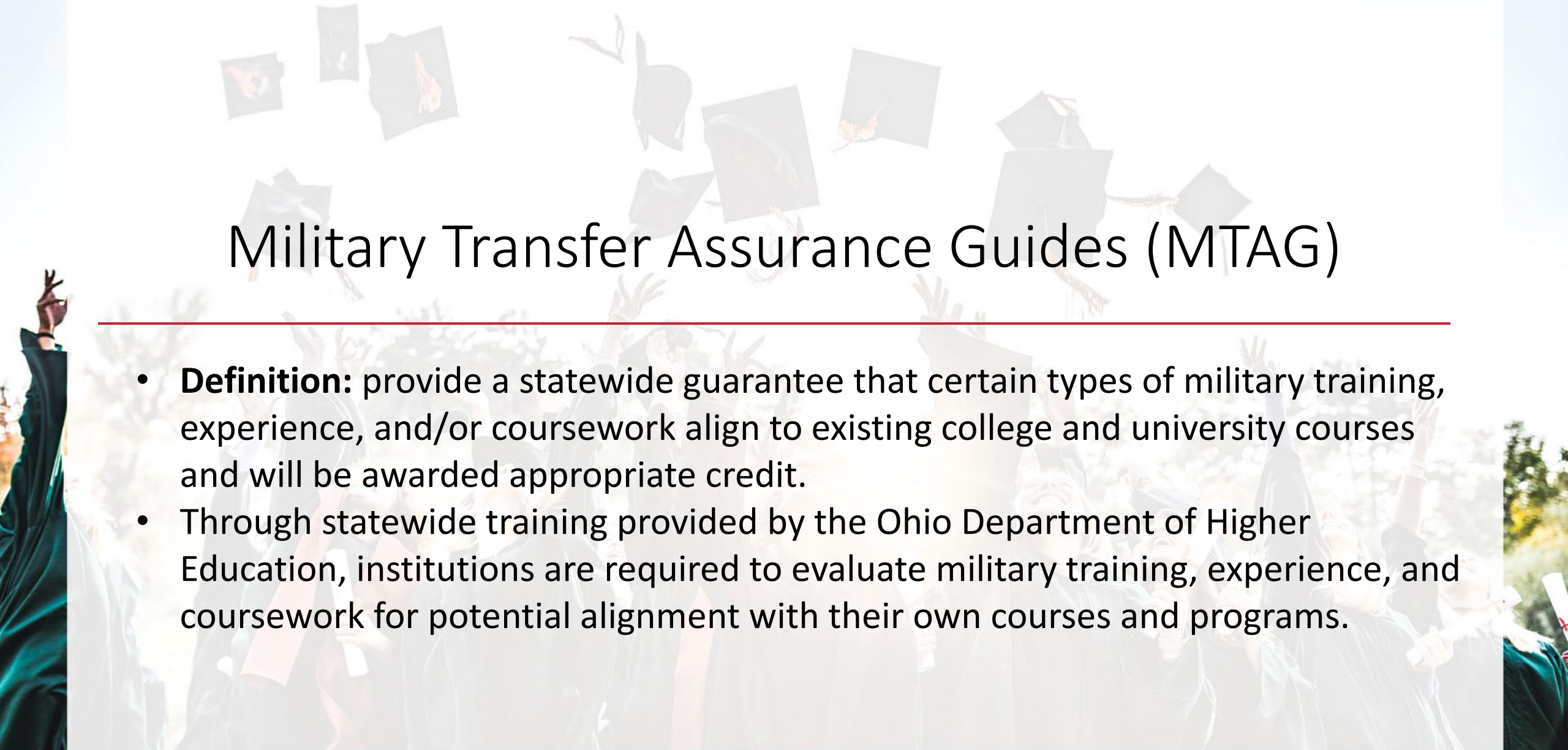
- **Definition:** a subset or the complete set of an institution's general education requirements consisting of 36-40 semester hours of specific credits
- Guaranteed to transfer either as a whole when the 36-40 credit hours are completed or on a course-by-course basis when partially completed.



Transfer Assurance Guide (TAG) Overview

- Statewide learning outcomes for pre-major/beginning major courses
- Guaranteed to transfer and apply to the specific major
- 228 sets of learning outcomes and guaranteed courses
- Many TAG courses are also approved under Ohio Transfer 36





Military Transfer Assurance Guides (MTAG)

- **Definition:** provide a statewide guarantee that certain types of military training, experience, and/or coursework align to existing college and university courses and will be awarded appropriate credit.
- Through statewide training provided by the Ohio Department of Higher Education, institutions are required to evaluate military training, experience, and coursework for potential alignment with their own courses and programs.



Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathways (OGTP)

Access:

- Any student completing an associate degree at an Ohio public institution
- Designed to provide a clearer path to degree completion for students pursuing associate degrees who plan to transfer to an Ohio public university to complete their bachelor's degree

Success & Completion:

- Faculty-driven, student-centered pathways vetted by all public institutions in the state
- Built upon existing statewide individual course equivalency guarantees to offer a program guarantee

OGTP Overview

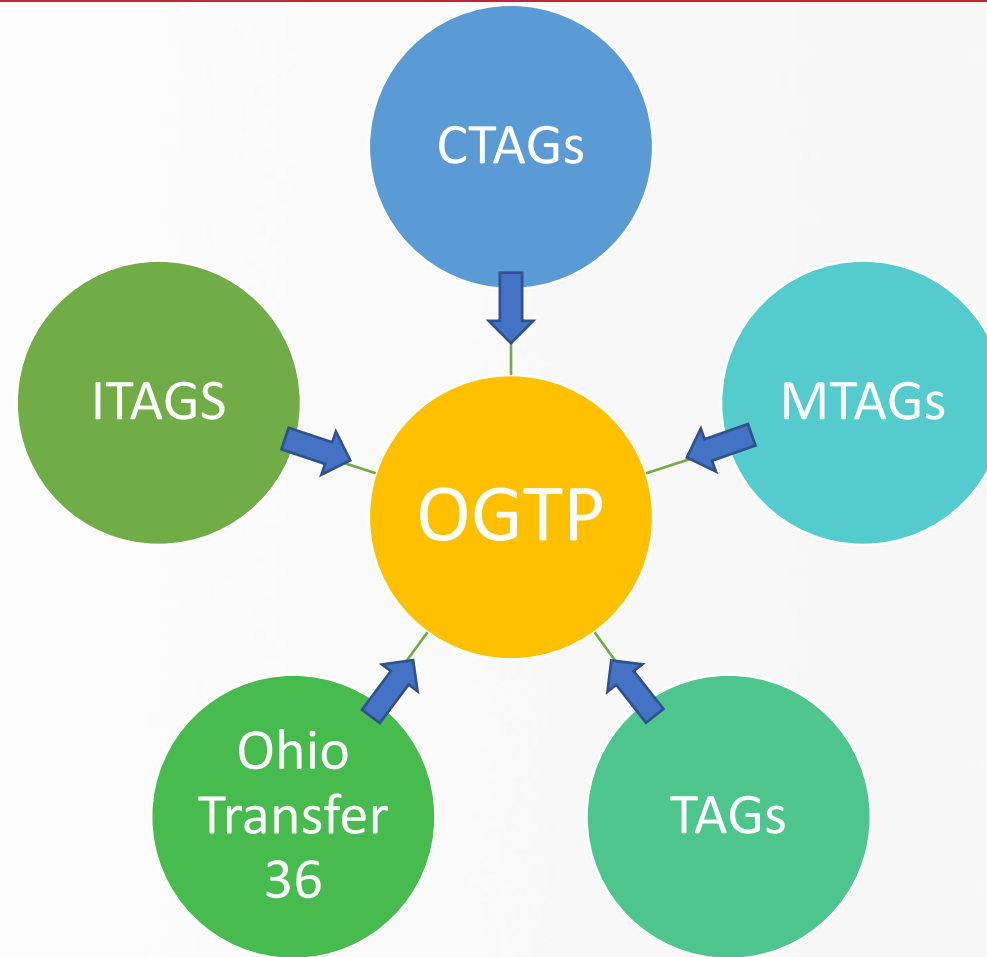
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CTAGs = Career-Technical
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TAGs = Transfer Assurance
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MTAGs = Military Transfer
Assurance Guides



An Ohio Articulation Number is associated with each set of learning outcomes and serves as the connector between different institutions' courses.

Ohio Technical Center (OTC) Degree Pathways

- OTC Degree Pathways help students convert career-technical training earned at OTCs into college credit and degree opportunities.
- Completers of 900+ clock hour programs with Chancellor-approved credentials earn 30 hours of block credit towards an Associate of Technical Studies (ATS) degree.
- Allowed proration of credit hours for programs 600-899 clock hours.
- Students receiving block credit apply it within five ATS discipline categories including:
 - Building and Industry Trade Technology, Business Technology, Services Technology, Information Technology, Health and Allied Health Technology



Helping Students Find Course Equivalencies

[Credit Transfer Tool](#): for students; shows course equivalencies only

[Course Reporting System](#): for staff; shows both course equivalencies and approved courses by institution

- A search result with no course equivalency could indicate either or both of the following:
 - District / career center does not have current approval from DEW for the appropriate pathway
 - College/university does not have current course approval for that CTAG course (and may or may not offer a similar course or program)
 - [CTAG Compliance](#) pages show list of courses expected for submission
 - [Scenarios for Application of Credit](#)

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- Join our listserv to receive monthly updates regarding statewide transfer initiatives and learn about upcoming webinars.
- Email transfer@highered.ohio.gov to join the listserv.



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