



## **College Credit Plus: Statewide Innovative Waiver Pathway**

Thank you for your interest in applying for a statewide innovative waiver pathway. Please submit your application and supporting documents to [CCP@highered.ohio.gov](mailto:CCP@highered.ohio.gov).

### **Background on the Statewide Innovative Waiver Pathway**

Ohio Revised Code 3365.131 allows colleges and industry partners to apply to the Chancellor of Higher Education for a College Credit Plus (CCP) pathway with a waiver of student eligibility requirements. These pathways should be offered to students who do not meet traditional college readiness standards and should result in the receipt of an industry recognized credential or certificate tied to an in-demand job field. The definition of in demand job fields is found in ORC 3333.94 and ORC 6301.11. All statewide resources on in demand job fields, including the Ohio's Top Jobs List, will be considered. Statewide Innovative Waiver Pathways also require wrap-around student support services built into the pathway by the institution offering the courses.

The Chancellor of Higher Education may grant the waiver to an applying college who meets the application standards provided by the Ohio Department of Higher Education. When a waiver pathway is approved, any public or nonpublic college that satisfies the elements of approval may utilize the waiver pathway. Public and nonpublic secondary districts may utilize an approved statewide innovative waiver pathway in partnership with a college. Additionally, the Ohio Department of Higher Education will collect data annually to evaluate the success of the waiver pathways and track the progress of students that are utilizing the waiver.

The Statewide Innovative Waiver Pathway guidelines and procedures have been approved by the Chancellor of Higher Education in consultation with the Director of Education and Workforce.



### **Requirements for Approval**

Applicants should provide evidence of the following requirements for approval:

- One or more public or nonpublic colleges, in collaboration with one or more industry partners;
- A pathway that upon completion leads to an industry recognized credential, certificate, or degree aligned with an in-demand job field;
- A waiver of one or more CCP student eligibility criteria for students who do not meet traditional college readiness standards and the alternative standard for determining student eligibility for the pathway;
- A plan to recruit students who do not otherwise meet traditional college readiness standards;
- In addition, the Chancellor may prioritize applications that plan to recruit students who are underrepresented in higher education as an extension of the innovative program waiver rule in Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3333-1-65.10.
- A plan for wraparound student support that is tailored towards successful student performance outcomes;
- Goals and metrics for success of the pathway;
- Applicants must also show compliance with State transfer guidelines, program approval status, and appropriate accreditation and fiscal status.

### **Timeline**

Applications for a waiver pathway are accepted on a rolling basis but should be submitted 6 months prior to the desired program start date. If multiple applications share foundational coursework, in-demand field, or completion outcomes, the Ohio Department of Higher Education, in consultation with the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, may recommend the partners combine their applications. Partners applying with several elements of an approved waiver pathway may be asked to submit a statewide waiver compliance form to operate the existing waiver pathway.



### Application Template

Please answer the following prompts in the fillable PDF or a separate document. Any supporting documents may be included as attachments.

1. **The College or Institution(s)** seeking waiver pathway approval:

a. Name, title, and contact information for primary contact(s) about the waiver request:

Name	Title	Email	Phone

b. Attach a statement of support from the Provost/CAO/Equivalent of each Higher Education Partner and from College Credit Plus personnel at the institution(s).

2. **The Industry Partner(s)** who will be collaborating in this pathway:

a. Name, title, and contact information for primary contact(s) about the waiver request:

Name	Title	Email	Phone

b. Attach a statement of support by a representative from each industry partner.

### Application Prompts:

Please answer the following prompts in the fillable PDF or in a separate document. Any supporting documents may be included as attachments.

- What in-demand pathway are you seeking approval for:
- Provide a detailed overview of the pathway for the statewide innovative waiver.  
Note: A supporting document outlining the pathway may be a useful approach to answering this prompt. Please include the following information:
  - The length of the pathway:
  - The specific course sequence and curriculum that the pathway follows;
  - Course Details (# credit hours, brief description, delivery mode, transfer compliance). Additionally, indicate if a course is CCP, HS CTE with CTAG alignment, or high school credit only

3. Please provide the waiver pathway’s options for earning a credential, certificate, or degree tied to an in-demand job field. Who is granting the credential or degree, the college or an alternate credentialing body? Indicate all potential student outcomes.

*Consider: Will students be able to complete the pathway while in high school?*

*What additional requirements will students need to meet prior to job placement?*

4. Which College Credit Plus student eligibility requirements will be waived with this pathway? What alternative standards will the institution(s) use to determine student eligibility and admission under the waiver?

College Credit Plus student eligibility requirements waived	Alternative standards the institution(s) will use to determine student eligibility and admission under the waiver



5. How is this pathway an innovative approach to industry needs in the area served by the institution? Share relevant information on workforce needs, student populations, etc. that impacts the approach of this waiver pathway.

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6. What is the anticipated number of students that can be served with the waiver? If multiple colleges are applying, indicate the number at each.

Name of College(s)	Number of Students that can be served

7. What is the area of access to this waiver pathway for each applying college? For example: students that reside in a 30-mile radius from the institution, specific districts for each institution, etc.

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8. Provide details about the wrap-around student support services available to students participating in this waiver pathway. Indicate any differences if there are multiple institutions.

*Remember: Support services should be tailored to the needs of students who do not meet traditional college readiness standards and/or who are underrepresented in higher education.*

9. Provide a detailed plan to recruit students who do not meet traditional college readiness standards and/or who are underrepresented in higher education.

*For example: Will the college or industry partner with a secondary district(s)? Is there a specific grade level that students should begin the pathway? Will students be recruited individually or as a cohort?*

10. What academic years is the waiver needed? Provide rationale.

Academic Years Requested	Rational



11. Describe any services or contributions from the industry partner(s) beyond an advisory role. This may include student career skill development, student opportunities, equipment, etc.

12. Describe the goals for the pathway and the metrics that will be used to measure the progress and success of the pathway.