



Gainful Employment Placement Rate Methodology

The Ohio Technical Center (OTC) at Vantage Career Center is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) and is authorized in the State of Ohio by the Ohio Department of Higher Education. The institution calculates, and discloses, two placement rates on the Gainful Employment Disclosure Template which is available on our webpage. The placement rate methodologies for the accrediting agency and state authorizing agency are explained below.

The OTC at Vantage Career Center utilizes several methods to collect placement data, including direct student and employer contact and an online graduate survey. Placement data is continuously collected from graduates and begins within three months of the student completing his or her program. The data collected is reported to the accrediting agency after the students have been completed for one-and-one-half times of the program length. For example, students in a 10 month program will have their data reported to the accrediting agency after 15 months have elapsed.

Accrediting Agency Placement Rate Methodology

Graduates – Employed in field – The number of graduates employed in jobs for which the program trained them.
Graduates – Available for employment – The total number of students available for employment.

****Excluded from the Employment Rate:***

Graduates – Further Education – The number of graduates that continue on with education in an accredited institution of higher education (postsecondary) on at least a half-time basis.

Graduates – Unavailable for Employment – This category removes from the employment rate calculation graduates who fall into one of the following categories: death, incarceration, active military service deployment, the onset of a medical condition that prevents employment, or international students who have returned to their country of origin.

The employment rate is calculated according to the following formula:

Employment Rate = Graduates employed in the field / Graduates available for employment

The school's official rate of graduate job attainment for each cohort and for the program for the reporting period.

State Authorizing Agency Placement Rate Methodology

Program completers are categorized in one of the following:

1. Deceased
2. Employed non-related and not pursuing additional education
3. Employed non-related and pursuing non-related education
4. Employed non-related and pursuing related education
5. Employed related and not pursuing additional education
6. Employed related and pursuing non-related education
7. Employed related and pursuing related education
8. In the voluntary labor force
9. Military non-related
10. Military Related
11. Not working but actively seeking employment
12. Not working and pursuing non-related education
13. Not working and not seeking employment
14. Unknown

Program completers are considered placed if in categories 2 through 7 when contacted. The placement rate is calculated according to the following formula:

Placement Rate = $\frac{\text{Total Program Completers in Categories 2 thru 7}}{\text{Total Program Completers}}$