

## Hiram College, Tri-C Partner to Create Seamless Degree Completion Programs

Hiram College and Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) will offer seamless degree completion programs through a partnership on the Tri-C Eastern Campus in Highland Hills. Tri-C students who meet admission requirements for Hiram College can complete bachelor's degrees in accounting and financial management or business management immediately after earning an associate degree and without leaving Tri-C East Campus.

Hiram College joins more than 30 colleges and universities that have transfer agreements with Tri-C. However, this partnership is unique because Hiram will have a physical presence at Tri-C East Campus, and students will not have to physically transfer schools to earn their bachelor's degree.

"Access to higher education is crucial for our community," said J. Michael Thomson, Tri-C East Campus president. "This partnership between Hiram College and Cuyahoga Community College represents a tremendous opportunity for our students who earn an associate degree to move seamlessly into a bachelor's degree. Our students will be able to earn their bachelor's degree while keeping key local ties to friends, family and employers. The ability to live, learn and earn in the same local area is key for many East Campus students."

Students enrolled in the degree completion programs will earn credit for the first 57 percent of their coursework through Tri-C and the final 43 percent through Hiram College. Hiram College faculty will teach courses in a variety of formats; most courses will be offered on the Tri-C East Campus, but there will be options for interactive video distance learning, blended learning and online classes.

"We know it's increasingly difficult for students to complete bachelor's degrees affordably in four years," said Paul Bowers, dean of Professional and Graduate Studies at Hiram College. "Hiram College is deeply committed to our partnership with Cuyahoga Community College and providing seamless pathways to a four-year degree."

Hiram College's Bachelor of Arts degrees in accounting and financial management and business management prepare students to be leaders in business, finance, non-profit and government professions.

"We're pleased to be able to work with our colleagues at Tri-C to make the dream of a four-year degree possible to more Northeast Ohio residents," said Hiram College President Thomas Chema. "A Hiram degree is nationally respected, and our liberal arts curriculum is the perfect preparation for life and work in our rapidly changing world. This relationship provides more access to these life-changing experiences."



Hiram College admission counselors will be on site at the Tri-C East Campus Student Services building for admission and academic advising appointments. Hiram College will host several open house events in coming weeks.

For more information on enrolling in this partnership program, please visit [www.hiram.edu/TriC](http://www.hiram.edu/TriC) or call 330-569-5161 to speak with an admission counselor.

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