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About Kent State University: For more than 90 years, Kent State University has been a real-world resource dedicated to educational excellence, opportunity and innovation in nearly every way imaginable.

Kent State is Ohio's third largest public university. The university's eight-campus network serves a culturally rich student body of more than 32,000. Kent State's Regional Campus system is the oldest and most extensive in Ohio, and one of the largest in the nation.

As one of the nation's top 90 public research universities, Kent State is a world leader in liquid crystal and polymer-related research. The university's growing strengths in information technology, biotechnology and nano-technology make Kent State a leader in emerging high-tech areas. The Kent Campus is home to many nationally and internationally respected academic centers and institutes, including the Glenn H. Brown Liquid Crystal Institute and the Institute for CyberInformation.

Kent State provides higher education at all levels, from customized workforce training across eight campuses to doctoral education. The university is known for its optimal blend of excellence in teaching and research. It offers a nationally recognized Honors College, programs of study in some 214 major career fields, and many opportunities for study at the master's and doctoral levels.

All eight Kent State campuses are equipped with the latest technologies designed to enhance student learning and to provide students, faculty, staff and corporate partners with the tools to succeed in an information-based society. Through the use of sophisticated fiber-optic networks and the Internet, Kent State offers courses to students in distributed learning classrooms throughout the eight-campus network and beyond.

KSU's academic excellence extends well beyond its campuses. Private and public partnerships with business and industry, education, government and community organizations make Kent State a vital force for the economic, cultural and workforce development in Ohio and beyond. These partnerships also provide Kent State students with invaluable real-world experiences as they prepare to compete in the global marketplace.



Hiram College

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About Hiram College: Hiram College is a private liberal-arts institution of 900 students located in the beauty of Ohio's Western Reserve. Founded in 1850, Hiram enrolls students from all 50 states and 24 foreign countries. The college is known nationally for the extensive study-abroad program, unique academic calendar (known as the Hiram Plan), and its emphasis on hands-on learning opportunities. Hiram's special offerings include a 263-acre biology field station where students and faculty conduct life-science research as partners in learning.

Hiram's 17 intercollegiate athletic teams compete as members of the NCAA Division III and the nationally respected North Coast Athletic Conference. The college commits more than \$5 million annually to financial aid in merit scholarships and need-based grants.

Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine (NEOUCOM)

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About Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine: The Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine (NEOUCOM) serves Ohio residents by graduating qualified physicians oriented to the practice of medicine at the community level. The majority of students come from Ohio and half the graduates remain in the state to practice medicine.

The College, established in 1973 by the Ohio General Assembly as the state medical school for northeast Ohio, has earned a national and international reputation for the quality of its graduates and its groundbreaking research projects. NEOUCOM is part of an educational consortium with The University of Akron, Kent State University and Youngstown State University. NEOUCOM's clinical teaching facilities include 16 community hospitals, 8 of which are major teaching facilities, and a board of health.

NEOUCOM offers students the ability to obtain a combined bachelor of science degree and a medical doctorate degree (B.S./M.D.) in as few as six years. There are only 17 combined B.S./M.D. programs throughout the country. There is also direct entry into the medical program for students holding bachelor's degrees. Additionally, the college offers graduate programs in biomedical sciences and biomedical engineering through Kent State University and The University of Akron.

Focused areas of research include Cardiovascular Medicine/Lipid Metabolism, Clinical Outcomes/Health Policy Infectious Disease/Virology, Neuroscience/Behavioral Systems and Skeletal Biology/Bone Disease.



Bohecker's College

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About Bohecker's College: Bohecker's was founded in Kent in 1922 by Blanche Bohecker Keefer Brown, and moved to Ravenna three years later. Today, BBC is one of the most distinguished private colleges in Ohio. The modern campus includes a library, classrooms, various laboratories and comfortable study areas.

Bohecker's offers both associate degrees and diplomas in a variety of business and medical career fields, emphasizing actual hands-on experience and personal initiative in all programs.

Courses are designed not only to complement the student's specific career objective, but to broaden their perspective and self-understanding as well.

Maplewood Career Center

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About Maplewood Career Center: With an impressive array of tech prep, adult education and regular courses of study, Maplewood Career Center is preparing Portage County residents for the workforce of tomorrow.

Three specific tech prep programs – landscape horticultural, computer-aided engineering and information technology – provide academically strong high school students with a "seamless entry into a two year associate degree or a four year baccalaureate degree," said former Maplewood Superintendent Pat Bateman.

"These programs are all affiliated with area colleges," she said. "The landscape horticulture program is affiliated with the Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute, and the other two programs are affiliated with Kent State University; for example, students spend a full two days on campus at Kent State with the program."

The tech prep programs benefit Portage County businesses and industries directly, as students entering the workforce have the advantage of a longer period of study in their area of expertise, Bateman said.

Examples of regular courses of study at Maplewood include studies in Auto Services, Business Management, Carpentry, Computerized Business, Electronics and Graphic Communications.

"We offer apprenticeships in many areas and early placement for seniors; many of our students are employed right out of school," Bateman said.



Maplewood Career Center offers a myriad of adult education courses as well. Many Portage County companies have had great success with these programs, Bateman said, from classes in Management and Leadership Training to specialized computer and Web development classes.

"We are able to design any training program for a company," she said. "We then streamline that program to meet specific needs, and we can teach that course either onsite or at Maplewood."

"When you look at Portage County, as far as the communities located here, there is a very wide pool of prospective employees in the county," Bateman said.

"There is a lot of space available for development, a lot of enterprise zones, but most importantly, there is a workforce here."