



2019-20 Budget Narrative

Gateway Community & Technical College's mission is to provide high quality, affordable, accessible, and inclusive postsecondary education and training resulting in a positive contribution to the economic vitality of the region and enhanced quality of life for all citizens. We hope to provide our students with the opportunity to receive a credential, to prepare them for the workforce and to help them achieve a better life.

To accomplish this goal and create a budget that will support it, Gateway strives to achieve three things: enhance access to education and training; create engaging and relevant curriculum; and remove barriers to higher education. These three pillars help guide and support the mission of our college.

Enhancing Access to Education and Training

What we've done:



Expand Nursing Program

Over the past year, Gateway has expanded our already robust nursing program. In the past, one cohort of students would start their journey to earn an Associates of Nursing degree at Gateway each year. This year we plan to expand student enrollment in the program from 24 to 60 by accepting two cohorts into the program.

At May's Nurse Pinning Ceremony, 24 students recited the Florence Nightingale Pledge dignifying their commitment to the healing profession. It also marked the end of their time at Gateway and the beginning of their nursing career.

This is an exciting expansion for our Nursing program. As our partnership with St. Elizabeth flourishes, we will be utilizing the St. Elizabeth Training and Education Center for future pinning ceremonies.

Where we're going:

River Cities Project

Through a partnership with Gateway and the River Cities school districts including Covington, Ludlow, Newport, Dayton, Bellevue, and Lloyd High School, Gateway will host two training hubs beginning August 2019. These training hubs will be located at our Center for Technology, Innovation and Enterprise at our Urban Metro Campus and will focus on Logistics/Supply Chain and Information Technology. Instruction will include Microsoft Office, Digital Literacy,

Workplace Principles, Introduction to Aviation and Logistics. This will prepare students in the River Cities for rewarding careers right out of high school.

These students are preparing for job opportunities tied to future growth in our region. Logistics and Supply Chain careers at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport are expected to exceed 4,000 every year for the next 10 years. Students will be linked directly with employers in the Logistics and Supply Chain sector to pursue careers in their field.

This program be offered for dual credit students as well as their family members in a multi-generational enrollment effort. The expectation is that dual credit students would take classes during the day while their family members would be offered the same classes in the evening.

Create Engaging and Relevant Curriculum

What we've done



First in the World Grant

The 2018-19 fiscal year marked the end of our First in the World Grant that focused on developmental education redesign, active learning and information commons.

The active learning part of the grant re-wired the way Gateway thinks about informal learning environments and how space impacts student learning. We were able to create 44 active learning classrooms and develop the Gateway Active Learning Institute (GALI) to train our faculty how to use them. We have found that students in active learning classrooms with active learning instructors trained thru

GALI have an increased likelihood of earning credit, and likelihood of retention, compared to students in classes with traditional instruction.

We were also able to create Information Commons (IC) locations at all three campuses through this grant. At the IC students can get help with admission, advising, technical issues, financial aid, student accounts, and more. The IC created a holistic space that supports students, employees, and visitors while on campus.

Where we're going

Expansion of Programs

The 2019-20 fiscal year will mark a great expansion of programs. We are expanding our welding program, not only at our Boone Campus, but into the community. Through a partnership with Holmes High School, we are offering classes at their location open to Gateway Students.

HVAC and Computerized Manufacturing and Machining classes are also expanding. Classes have traditionally been offered only in the evening. We will now offer day and evening classes for the upcoming academic year.

Remove Barriers to Higher Education

What we've done



Childcare Pilot

An important aspect of Gateway's mission is to help remove barriers for our students. Gateway partnered with Children, Inc., to pilot a childcare program at our Edgewood campus for the spring semester. This program began in January and was offered during the evenings, Monday – Thursday.

During prior planning processes, childcare was identified as a significant need for our students. This partnership program with Children, Inc., is in response to this community need and our commitment to removing barriers for our students.

One student said, I wish “childcare was offered on more campuses. This is such a great program and solved the main struggle I had in attending classes.”

This pilot program was designed to test the concept of drop-in childcare to a specific group of students. We have extended the childcare pilot into the fall semester, exploring a daytime program.

Where we're going

The Ignite Institute

The Ignite Institute is a Boone and Kenton County Schools initiative that is launching in the 2019-20 school year. It is focused on providing education and experience in career fields that are in high demand in our community. They are creating a future where industry and education work together to ensure that students have the skills and creativity to succeed in our fast-paced, technology-driven society.

Students in Ignite will have access to over 20 dual credit courses through a partnership with Gateway and other local institutions that will allow them to graduate high school with an Associate's Degree. Gateway is the primary provider of dual credit for Ignite. For the upcoming academic year, they have reserved 650 seats for our Spanish classes alone.

Conclusion

Gateway will continue to enhance access to higher education and training, create engaging and relevant curriculum, and remove barriers to higher education. The college has expanded the nursing program, implemented new approaches for student learning and success through the First in the World grant, and piloted a childcare program. Throughout the 2019-20 fiscal year, the college will host training hubs for the River Cities project, expand welding, HVAC, and computerized manufacturing and machining programs, and partner with Boone and Kenton County Schools with the Ignite project. We will explore the childcare pilot in the fall semester as a daytime program and continue our dedication to remove barriers to success.

Through these pillars, Gateway supports the mission and the budget of the college. Overall, we are working to provide our students the opportunity to achieve a better life.

Budget Details

The Finance and Facilities committee met on April 30, 2019 to review the FY2019-20 operating budget. Please see the attachment "FY2019-20 Operating Budget for Finance Committee" PowerPoint. This PowerPoint highlights each category of the budget and has notes referencing areas of major variation. It also highlights the areas shared throughout this budget narrative. The finance and facilities committee moved to recommend for approval by full board.