



Department of  
Higher Education

Mike DeWine, Governor  
Randy Gardner, Chancellor

September 24, 2020

Todd Hernandez  
Executive Vice President  
Northwest State Community College  
22600 State Route 34  
Archbold, OH 43502

Dear Mr. Hernandez:

Pursuant to your request, I am writing to certify the public status of Northwest State Community College, which is recognized by the state of Ohio as an institution of higher education supported by the state.

Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3354.01, in part, states:

*"Community college" means a public institution of education beyond the high school organized for the principal purpose of providing for the people of the community college district wherein such college is situated the instructional programs defined in this section as "arts and sciences" and "technical," or either, and may include the "adult-education" program as defined in this section. Except for bachelor's programs offered under section 3354.071 of the Revised Code, instructional programs shall not exceed two years in duration."*

Northwest State Community College is approved to offer a full range of short-term certificate, one-year certificate, and associate degree programs.

The Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3333, is the state official responsible for coordinating issues related to higher education in the state of Ohio, including responsibility for approving academic programs at colleges and universities and recommending the biennial higher education appropriations for the state.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Stephanie McCann, Ph.D.  
Associate Vice Chancellor  
Program Development and Approval