

## **EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES**

---

### **SHEFFIELD VILLAGE (MAIN CAMPUS)**

Ohio Business College, originally known as Lorain Business College, is a private, co-educational institution of higher business education. Founded in 1903, the college was originally located in downtown Lorain on the corner of Sixth Street and Broadway Avenue. The college was under the same management from 1913 until 1980, when the Julia Corporation acquired it. The management of the Julia Corporation then relocated the college to 1907 North Ridge Road in Lorain. In October 1997, Tri-State Educational Systems, Inc. purchased the college, which at the time was known as Southeastern Business College. The name was officially changed to Ohio Business College in April 1998. In March 2008 the college was relocated to the present location of 5095 Waterford Drive in Sheffield Village. The campus is easily accessible from I-90 and its location in the Waterford Development can be reached via entrances from both Abbe Road (Rt. 301) and Detroit Road (Rt. 254).

### **TRADES ACADEMY (EXTENSION)**

In January 2019, Ohio Business College expanded its program offerings to include trades programs. In order to accommodate trades programs, the college has secured a campus extension located at 5075 Pearl Road, Lorain, Ohio. This facility is a 10,248 square foot standalone building with five classrooms, open lab with residential and commercial heating, air conditioning, refrigeration equipment, library, administrative offices, and student break room. The first trades program that will be offered at this facility is the Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration diploma program.

### **SANDUSKY (BRANCH CAMPUS)**

The Sandusky Campus opened its doors to students for the first time on September 27, 1982, as Lorain Business College. It, too, was owned first by the Julia Corporation and acquired by Tri-State Educational Systems, Inc. in October 1997. The Sandusky Campus is located in Perkins Township, Erie County, Ohio, a community on the shores of Lake Erie. In 2006, the Sandusky Campus moved into a newly constructed 15,000 square foot facility, in one of the busiest shopping areas, still located in Perkins Township. This standalone structure was built especially for the college and offers 14 classrooms for the convenience of the students. It offers bright classrooms that are sufficient in size for the small classes they maintain. There is plenty of private parking in a well-lit lot. Programs offered, regulations, and eligibility is the same as those of the Sheffield Village Campus.

### **DAYTON TRUCK DRIVING ACADEMY (BRANCH CAMPUS)**

In June 2019, Ohio Business College – Truck Driving Academy moved to a new location in Dayton, Ohio, Montgomery County. The facility is a single floor building with OBC occupying 11,763 square feet. Additionally, OBC has access to ample acreage for the range portion of the truck driving program. This new facility is located approximately 4 miles south of Interstate 70 and 7 miles west of Interstate 75. This facility offers a more convenient location for students to

access. Previously, Ohio Business College - Truck Driving Academy operated the branch campus in Middletown, Ohio under the name of Tri-State Driver Training, Inc. Tri-State Driver Training, Inc. was established in 1969 by a fleet owner who foresaw the industry need for drivers who could meet U.S. Department of Transportation standards and who would have the formal training to be safe on the road. The school was acquired by the present owners in 1986, who greatly expanded its facilities and services but retained the ideals and goals of its founder. During this time, the corporation assumed the doing business as name of Tri-State Semi Driver Training, Inc., for the purpose of more direct identification of the type of training provided. The school also became an industry recognized leader in the training of professional over-the-road truck drivers.

The United States Department of Labor projects strong growth in the service sector of the economy and especially a need for more competent, properly trained, long-distance truck drivers who can successfully complete the cycle from limited or no training to a DOT Certification. Evolving manpower needs must be satisfied if labor is to continue to meet the economic expectations of the nation. The Truck Driving Academy is producing graduates that are meeting these needs.

## **FACILITIES**

The campuses have classrooms with central heating and air conditioning. The interiors have diffused lighting, acoustical ceilings, and carpeted or tiled floors. The colleges enjoy a smoke-free environment. Smoking is prohibited in all areas of the building (permitted outside in designated smoking areas only). The colleges are handicap accessible.

Under no circumstances are children allowed in the classrooms or break rooms during scheduled class times. The student lounge provides for student relaxation before and after class and during class breaks. Coffee, soft drinks, and light snacks may be purchased at this time. All students are expected to leave their areas neat and free from trash. Food and beverages are not permitted in the classrooms.

To help ensure academic honesty, audio and visual monitoring of the classrooms and testing rooms may be performed.

The libraries of each school are open during posted hours. Reference materials must be used in the library. Electronic reference materials are also available for student use and can be accessed through the computers found in computer labs. The excellent facilities of local public libraries are also freely available to all students, regardless of residency.

## **EQUIPMENT**

Each school uses modern and appropriate training equipment for its students including computers, transcribing equipment, and other equipment as needed. In addition, audio-visual equipment is utilized in the classrooms to enhance instructors' presentations of course material.

The Truck Driving Academy consists of approximately 8 acres containing interview areas, a student lounge and vehicle maneuver areas. Tractors are equipped with various transmissions typical of industry freight hauling equipment and are coupled to 48 foot van trailers.