

<b>BGSU Firelands</b> Governance Document Policy	Mission	Mission of BGSU Firelands
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BGSU Firelands is a regional branch campus of Bowling Green State University. The mission of the campus is defined by its role as a university regional campus, the mission of the two-year campus as defined by the Ohio Board of Regents and its own operational mission statement. Each of these are quoted below from the source documents to provide a framework in which the college operates.

#### **UNIVERSITY REGIONAL CAMPUS**

A university regional campus consists of a permanent full-time separate facility established with the approval of the Board of Regents, governed by the university board of trustees, and offering two-year pre-baccalaureate/transfer programs (including all courses offered to serve lower division students), adult continuing education, community service, workforce skills enhancement, developmental education, and in some instances, technical education. The Board of Regents recommends the award of the appropriate associate degree for satisfactory completion of a two-year degree program, either transfer or career/technical. All regional campuses are members of the EnterpriseOhio network. Current law permits the establishment of a university regional campus district with a board of trustees of seven members who are residents of the district, with powers enumerated in Section 3355.06 of the *Ohio Revised Code*.

#### **THE TWO-YEAR CAMPUS MISSION**

Viewed from the perspective of statewide planning and coordination, the Ohio Board of Regents recognizes a two-year campus mission which includes the following components:

*Pre-baccalaureate/transfer education.* Equivalent to the lower division or first two years of a baccalaureate degree program, generally consisting of liberal arts, sciences, and preprofessional studies designed either to enable students to transfer to a four-year institution for the completion of a baccalaureate degree or to provide a planned program of general education which is equivalent to that which is provided by four-year institutions at the freshman and sophomore levels.

*Career/technical education.* Associate degree programs of up to two years' duration, designed to prepare students for careers which are generally at the semiprofessional level. Technical degree programs are frequently transferable into baccalaureate degree programs.

*Adult continuing education.* Noncredit programs, courses, short courses, seminars, and other professional development and cultural enrichment opportunities offered to residents of the service district.

*Community service.* Activities of an educational nature which may include workshops, seminars, forums, cultural events, and provision of campus facilities and consultative services, designed to address community needs or to resolve community problems.

*Workforce skills enhancement.* Activities designed to educate, train, or upgrade skills of employees in business, government, industry, and public service agencies. These programs may consist of credit courses, noncredit courses, and/or workshops to help employers hire smart, train smart, and promote smart.

*Developmental education.* Courses and services emphasizing academic skill development in preparation for college-level course work. Developmental education program components enhance access for underprepared students through the provision of both course work and supplemental services, such as tutoring, course placement assessment, advising, study skills, and personal development.

#### **THE MISSION OF BGSU FIRELANDS**

BGSU Firelands seeks to offer the citizens of north-central Ohio the broad educational resources of a major State university in a smaller, student-centered, teaching-focused, personalized environment. The stated functional mission of BGSU Firelands is four-fold:

1. *To provide BG Perspective (general education) and pre-professional curricula designed to prepare students for a bachelor's degree education.*

2. *To provide place-bound students in the BGSU Firelands area access to selective BGSU bachelor's degree and master's degree completion programs on the BGSU Firelands campus.*
3. *To grant technical and paraprofessional associate degrees for work settings.*
4. *To offer continuing education opportunities to serve the personal and professional development needs of the region.*

With its sharp focus on undergraduate education and teaching of the highest quality, BGSU Firelands implements the vision and values of Bowling Green State University with its commitment to becoming "the premier learning community in Ohio and one of the best in the nation." The College offers a rich array of general studies, technical/career studies, certificate programs, continuing education courses and employee training and workforce development initiatives that have been crafted to meet the unique educational needs of the north central Ohio region.

#### **REFERENCES**

*Ohio Revised Code 3355*

Ohio Board of Regents (April 1998). *Operating Manual for Two-Year Campus Programs*

*BGSU Undergraduate Catalog*