

CUTLINE Dr. Kevin Boys (left), SSCC President and Dr. Jeffrey Bauer, President of Shawnee State University, signed a partnership agreement to establish the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program Pathway in Occupational Therapy. This agreement allows students to complete the first two years of college courses at Southern State to obtain an associate degree with courses offered by Shawnee State University.

“Shawnee State welcomes the opportunity to work with SSCC to best meet our students’ educational and employment goals related to a career in healthcare,” said Dr. Jeffrey Bauer, president at SSU. “The program creates a clear pathway for student success and intentional planning (p. i)5gni stude

“Students will benefit in a variety of ways, including easier access to a four-year degree and affordability. Both institutions are committed to removing barriers that keep potential students from earning their degrees and starting successful careers. This partnership is a great start and we look forward to finding ways we can work together in other areas as well,” said Bauer.

Kevin Boys, president of Southern State could not agree more. “We’re excited about our growing relationship with Shawnee State University,” Boys added. “We have found that these agreements are a most cost-effective way to increase affordable opportunities for our area’s students and our local employers who face critical shortages in certain fields.”

Southern State students will apply to Southern State AND Shawnee State, with SSU functioning as their home institution and Southern State offering courses through the partnership.

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