

## Ohio Approved Instructor

The Ohio Approved designation represents the state's consolidated professional development (PD) approval process. It replaces existing procedures, including the Ohio Department of Education's Early Learning and School Readiness, the Ohio Department of Health's Help Me Grow, and the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services' Step Up To Quality (SUTQ) approval processes. The Ohio Approved (OA) designation is required for trainings and community of learners to count toward the SUTQ professional development requirements. Only Ohio Approved instructors can author and instruct Ohio Approved PD.

Those interested in becoming an Ohio Approved Instructor need to complete and submit an instructor application. Instructors for special professional development events, for example, conferences, and those not in the early care and education and afterschool field may not need to complete an instructor application. For more detailed information on instructor requirements, please see [OCCRRA's Instructor and PD Event Application Policy and Procedure Manual](#), section 1.0 Instructor Qualifications.

### Minimum Qualifications for All Ohio Approved Instructors

#### Education and Experience

##### Level 1 Core Knowledge & Competency:

- A minimum of an associate degree in field related to content area of training **and** 3 years' experience in field related to content area of training  
**OR**
- A minimum bachelor's degree in field related to the content area of training **and** 1-year experience in field related to content area of training

##### Level 2 Core Knowledge & Competency:

- Minimum bachelor's Degree in field related to content area of training **and** 3 years' experience in field related to content area of training

##### Level 3 Core Knowledge & Competency:

- A minimum master's degree in field related to the content area of training **and** 1-year experience in field related to content area of training  
**OR**
- A minimum of bachelor's degree in field related to content area of training **and** 5 years' experience in field related to content area of training

**\*\*Please be advised that you must use Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox as the web browser. Other web browsers are not supported. \*\***

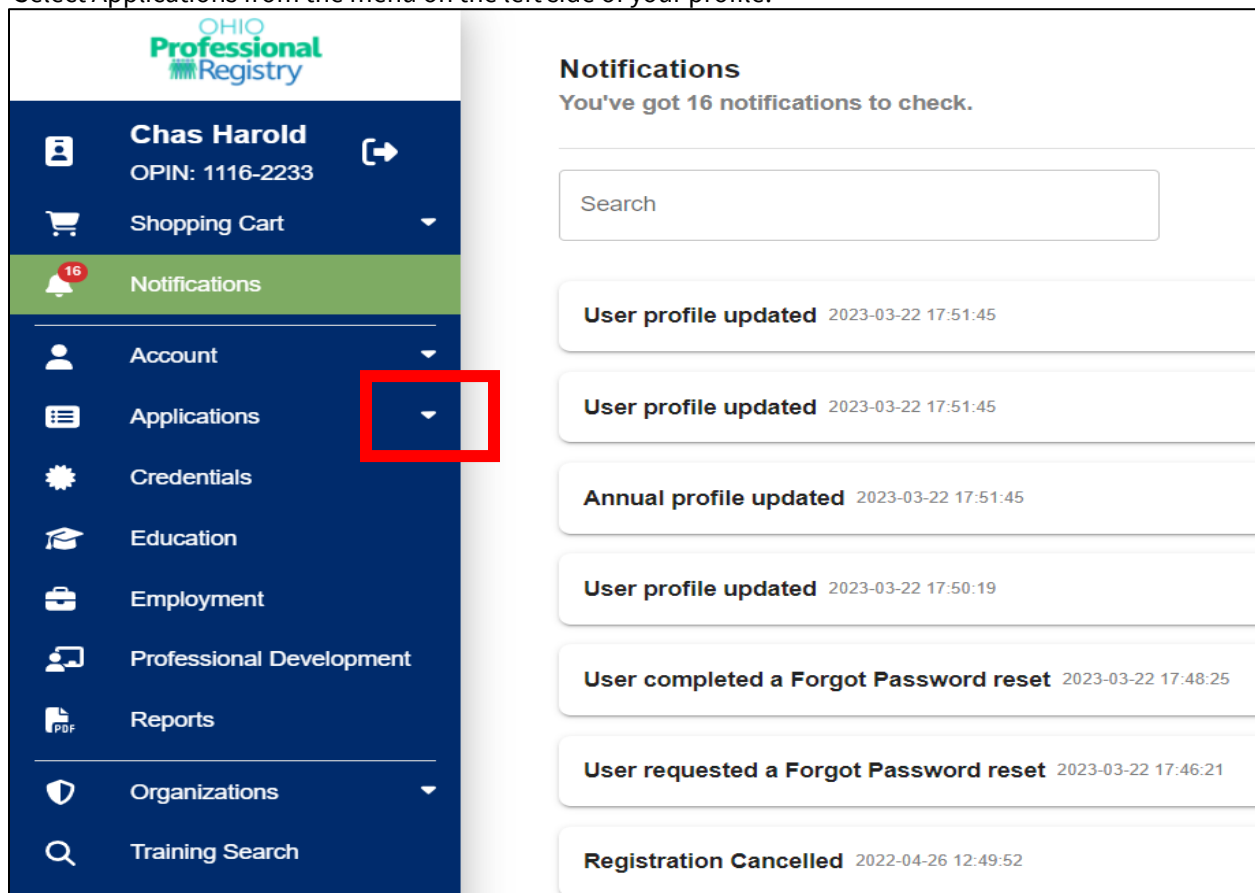
## Directions for Completing the Instructor Approval Application

Sign in to your Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) profile. If you do not already have an OPR profile, and need assistance with creating one, view our [Create OPR Profile Resources](#) webpage for additional details. Do not create duplicate profiles.

To submit an OA Instructor application, your Registry Profile must include:

- Employment history, with identified Primary Role and beginning and end dates
- Verified education: **Official college transcripts must be uploaded and verified by the Registry before submitting an Instructor Application.**

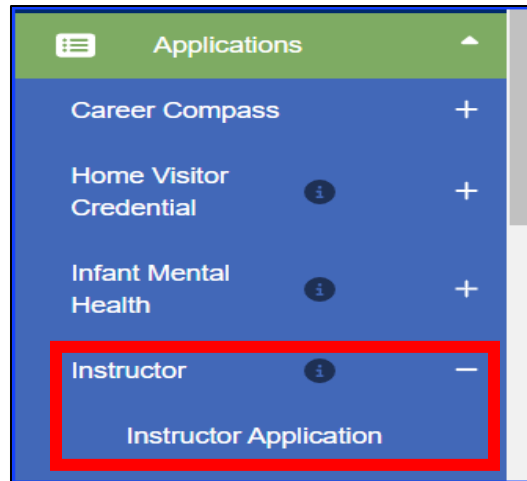
Select Applications from the menu on the left side of your profile.



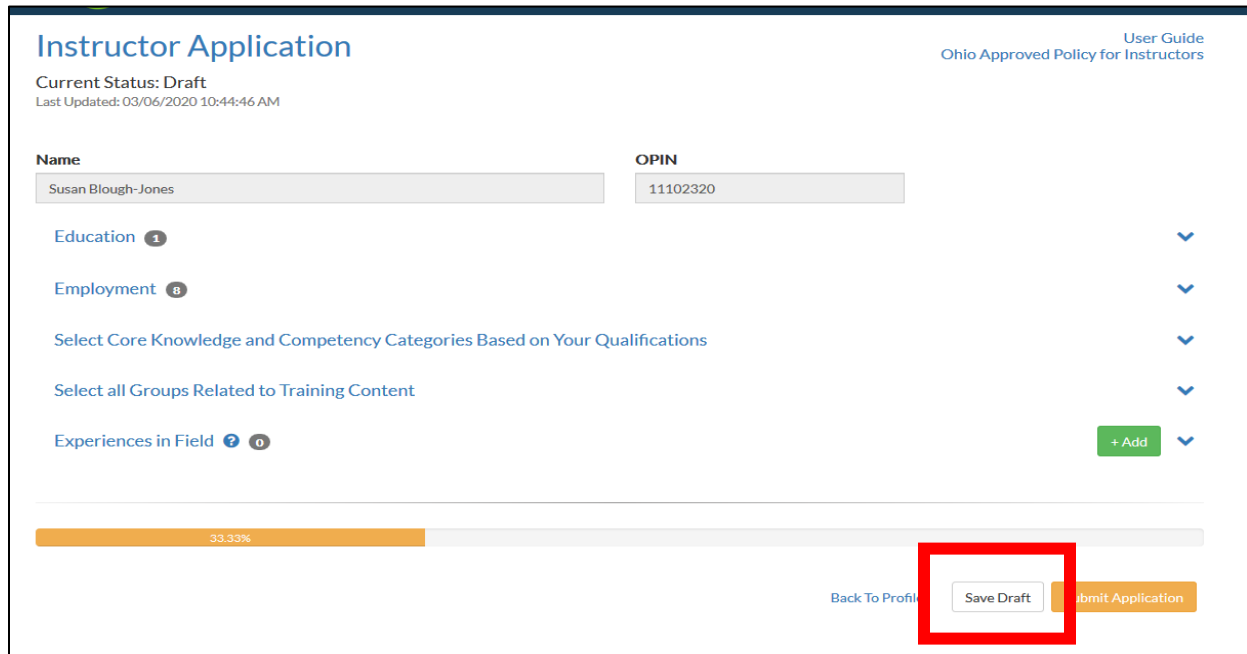
The screenshot displays the Ohio Professional Registry user interface. On the left is a dark blue navigation sidebar with the following items: Chas Harold (OPIN: 1116-2233), Shopping Cart, Notifications (with a red badge showing 16), Account, Applications (highlighted with a red box around its dropdown arrow), Credentials, Education, Employment, Professional Development, Reports, Organizations, and Training Search. The main content area is titled 'Notifications' and states 'You've got 16 notifications to check.' Below this is a search bar and a list of notification items:

- User profile updated 2023-03-22 17:51:45
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- Annual profile updated 2023-03-22 17:51:45
- User profile updated 2023-03-22 17:50:19
- User completed a Forgot Password reset 2023-03-22 17:48:25
- User requested a Forgot Password reset 2023-03-22 17:46:21
- Registration Cancelled 2022-04-26 12:49:52

Select Instructor – if you already have an application, it will be listed on the right; if you not yet started the application, click on the “+” next to Instructor, then click on Instructor Application.



Save your work at any time by clicking the “Save Draft” button at the bottom of the screen.



You can edit a draft application by clicking on Applications, finding your Instructor Application in the Application Dashboard, then clicking Action.

Click the arrows on the right to open each field and enter the required information. The Education and Employment fields will pre-populate with the information from your profile.

## Instructor Application

User Guide  
Ohio Approved Policy for Instructors

Current Status: Draft  
Last Updated: 03/06/2020 10:44:46 AM

<b>Name</b>	<b>OPIN</b>
Susan Blough-Jones	11102320

Education **1**

Employment **8**

Select Core Knowledge and Competency Categories Based on Your Qualifications


Select all Groups Related to Training Content

Experiences in Field **0**

+ Add

33.33%

[Back To Profile](#)

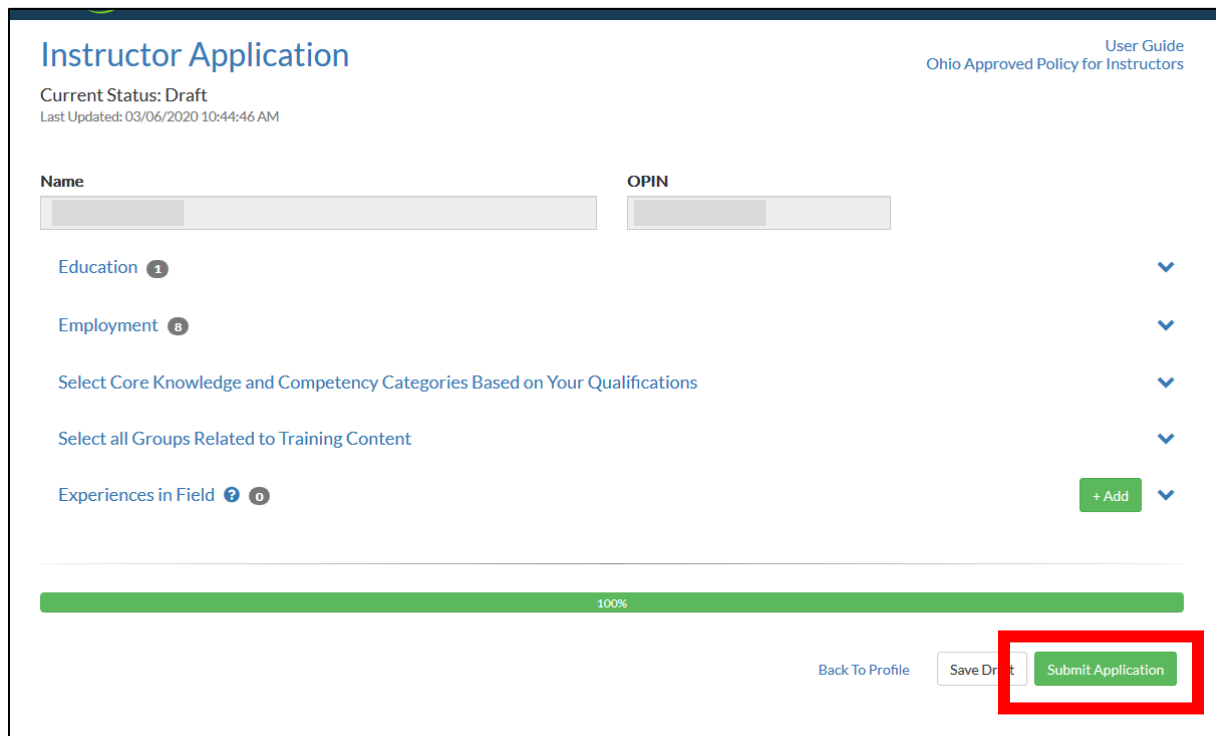
**Core Knowledge and Competency Content Areas:** Based on your education and experiences in the field, select the Core Knowledge and Competency (CKC) content area(s) that you are qualified to instruct. Please select those areas you may want to instruct on now and in the future. Hover over the  next to each CKC for the definition.

**Groups Related to Training Content:** Select the Groups Related to Training Content based on the content area(s) you are qualified to instruct and the group/content area(s) that are the focus of your trainings. Please select groups as they apply to current and future trainings.

**Experiences in Field:** If applicable, include additional experiences outside of employment listed above, that support your experiences in the field and content expertise.

## Submit Application

Once you have entered all the required information, the progress bar at the bottom of the page will be green and read 100%. If the progress bar is not at 100%, please complete the required fields. You can save a draft or submit the application.



The screenshot displays the "Instructor Application" page. At the top right, there are links for "User Guide" and "Ohio Approved Policy for Instructors". The current status is "Draft", last updated on 03/06/2020 at 10:44:46 AM. The form includes input fields for "Name" and "OPIN". Below these are sections for "Education" (1 item), "Employment" (0 items), "Select Core Knowledge and Competency Categories Based on Your Qualifications", "Select all Groups Related to Training Content", and "Experiences in Field" (0 items) with a "+ Add" button. A green progress bar at the bottom indicates 100% completion. At the bottom right, there are three buttons: "Back To Profile", "Save Draft", and "Submit Application", with the "Submit Application" button highlighted by a red box.

Once you click the “Submit Application” button, a box containing an attestation statement will appear. You must agree to the terms in this box before the application can be submitted.

***You must submit the application for the Approval Team to review and act on before you can create or instruct a PD event.***

The Approval Review Team will process your application within **30 business days**. You will be notified of your application status via the notifications flag at the top of your profile page. If the Approval Review Team needs additional information, you will be notified via your profile notifications flag. You can check the application status in the Application Dashboard queue in your profile. You will not be able to edit your application until the Approval Team acts on your application.

If the Approval Review Team needs additional information, you will edit your application via the Application Dashboard.



If you would like to submit a professional development event for Ohio Approval or to use the Ohio Professional Registry to schedule Ohio Approved and Non-Ohio Approved PD events (i.e., Training, Community of Learners, or Series) contact your affiliated training organization. If you are not affiliated with a training organization, please see the Training Organization Dashboard User guide located in the Professional Development Event Resources list.