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Stark State sets enrollment record

Stark State College of Technology has broken a summer-session enrollment record.

Summer enrollment is up about 37 percent, making it the sixth

largest of Ohio's 23 public two-year colleges and, according to the U.S. Department of Education, one of the fastest growing colleges in the nation.

Enrollment grew by more than 1,100 students to 4,180. In summer 2008, 3,041 students were enrolled.

School officials attribute the increase to the popularity of associate-degree and certificate programs

and students from other colleges who want college credits that can be transferred.

Enrollment in Internet classes and at satellite centers also has increased, officials said.

Stark State soon will open a health-sciences building to accommodate growth in those programs.