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## UC, Miami rank as centers of excellence

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Programs at the **University of Cincinnati** and **Miami University** are among 14 Health Care/Biomedicine Centers of Excellence across the state announced by Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland.

UC's newly named state center of excellence, Transforming Health Care in the 21st Century, focuses on the neurosciences; environmental health and cancer; pediatrics; and diabetes and obesity. At Miami, Structural Biology and Metabonomics made the list.

"Aligning Ohio universities with Ohio's growing biomedical and health care industries will generate economic growth and new, hard-to-outsource jobs," Strickland said. "Biomedicine and health care in Ohio create high wage jobs, investments in facilities, research and development and production. But much more than that, these industries bring forth medical breakthroughs that benefit citizens of Ohio and citizens of the world."

Dr. John Tew, clinical director of the UC Neuroscience Institute, said his organization was honored to be included.

"Ohio is renowned for its health care excellence, and to be recognized as a neuroscience leader by the state's leadership confirms our achievement as a benchmark institution in neurological care," he said in a statement.

The Centers of Excellence are part of Ohio's 10-year Strategic Plan for Higher Education. Friday's announcement was the second of five announcements of university Centers of Excellence that align with the state's targeted industries and focus on talent recruitment, according to a press release. In October 2009, the governor announced Ohio's nine Centers of Excellence in Advanced Energy at eight of the state's universities.

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