# The Pathway to Teaching Elementary Education

Kansas Statewide Teacher Education Pathway for Underserved and Place-bound students

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**Kansas City Kansas Community College (KCKCC)** is committed to their students and strive to ensure all students have a positive and successful post-secondary experience.

Understanding the need for highly qualified teachers in Kansas, **KCKCC** is pleased to partner with the **Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools** and **K-State's College of Education for K-STEP UP**. This pathway program makes a four-year teaching degree cost-effective and convenient for students in **Wyandotte County**.

#### **About KCKCC**

- Affordable with affordable payment plan
- Dedicated scholarships for future teachers
- Numerous other sources of financial aid
- · Classes offered face-to-face, online, daytime, evening and weekend
- Small class sizes
- · Variety of easily accessible academic resources
- · Friendly and approachable staff, faculty and administrators
- Numerous clubs and activities
- · Diverse students and faculty
- Easy transfer to K-State with the help of a dedicated bi-lingual academic student success advisor for K-STEP UP

	One Year	Two Years	
Wyandotte County Residents Tuition and Fees for 30 hours	\$3,120	\$6,240	
Student Residence Life	\$4,740	\$9,480	
Books	\$700	\$1,400	
TOTAL	\$8,560	\$17,120	



The **Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools (KCKPS)** is passionate about hiring quality teachers who have ties to our community. The best possible teachers, we believe, are those who have attended our schools and are now ready to lead classrooms with children who are just like them.

Our district has 47 schools, which means there are multiple employment opportunities and that translates into economic stability for KCKPS teachers, administrators, school counselors, and the community.

**KCKPS** is proud to announce the **K-STEP UP partnership** – earning a bachelor's degree that leads to teacher licensure – with the **K-State College of Education**, the largest teacher preparation program in Kansas. This program gives our graduates all the resources of a Big XII institution without the costs associated with living on campus.

At **KCKPS**, our greatest strength is our diversity and our best teachers were once our own students.

#### Benefits of this partnership include:

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- Student teaching in Wyandotte County and supervised by local teachers
- · On-site mentoring provided by a district leader
- Dedicated academic advisor located at KCKCC
- · Dedicated academic advisor located at K-State
- Classes taught by K-State faculty with more than 1,000 years of K-12 teaching experience
- Enrollment in Forever EdCats, K-State's teacher mentoring program, is a free program for alumni during their first three years in the classroom

**College of Education** 

#### **Pathway Structure**

Students complete their general education classes in **two years** at **KCKCC**, and transfer the sixty **KCKCC** credits to K-State. Students will complete their education-related courses for **K-State all online**. You will experience student teaching in **Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools**, allowing **K-STEP UP** students to earn a degree from K-State while never leaving home.

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### **Funding Resources for On-Campus Education**

- State of Kansas Grants and Scholarships: <u>https://www.kansasregents.org/scholarships\_and\_grants</u>
- Grants: <u>https://www.k-state.edu/sfa/aid/grants/</u>
- Scholarships: <u>https://www.k-state.edu/sfa/aid/scholarships/</u>
- Loans: https://www.k-state.edu/sfa/aid/loans/
- VA Benefits: https://www.k-state.edu/veteran/benefits/
- Federal Work Study On-Campus: <u>https://www.k-state.edu/sfa/aid/federal-work-study/</u>
- Loans Repayment (in certain cases, the federal government will cancel all or part of a school loan): <a href="https://www.kansaslegalservices.org/node/156/student-loan-forgiveness-programs">https://www.kansaslegalservices.org/node/156/student-loan-forgiveness-programs</a>
- Rural Opportunity Zones:
  https://www.kapsascommarca.gov/program

<u>https://www.kansascommerce.gov/programs-services/community-</u> <u>development/rural-opportunity-zones/student-loan-repayment-application/</u>

### **Funding Resources for your Online Education**

- Global Campus Scholarships: <u>https://online.k-state.edu/paying-for-school/scholarships/</u>
- Rural Opportunity Zones: https://www.kansascommerce.gov/programs-services/community-development/rural-opportunity-zones/student-loan-repayment-application/
- Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program: <u>https://studentaid.gov/manage-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service</u>
- Stafford Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program: https://studentaid.gov/manage-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/teacher



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