

# K-STEP UP

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



## The Pathway to Teaching Elementary Education

ATTEND ON-CAMPUS OR ONLINE



In an effort to create a talented pool of teachers for Liberal for the foreseeable future, Seward County Community College has entered into a partnership program, K-STEP UP, that will allow our graduates to earn a bachelor's degree in education from while living at home.

Working with the K-State College of Education and USD 480, SCCC will serve as the important conduit of higher education offering general education courses and a dedicated academic advisor. These credits will transfer to K-State, where students will then take education courses online. Students will complete their student teaching experience in our local schools and be supervised by a teacher mentor.

This program:

- Lowers the cost of attending college
- Makes it possible to attain a bachelor's degree from a highly rated institution without leaving home
- Provides you the education and experience to become a successful teacher
- Positively impacts your employment opportunities and earning potential for the rest of your life!

	One Year	Two Years
Seward County Residents Tuition and Fees for 30 hours	\$3,390	\$6,780
Student Living Center	\$5,110	\$10,220
Books	\$700	\$1,400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,200</b>	<b>\$18,400</b>

For more information on scholarships, grants and work study:  
[sccc.edu/web/students/financial-aid/types-of-financial-aid](http://sccc.edu/web/students/financial-aid/types-of-financial-aid)

USD 480 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 8 schools, which means there are multiple employment opportunities and that translates into economic stability for USD 480 teachers, administrators and school counselors.

USD 480 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 leaving home.

At USD 480, our greatest strength is our diversity and our best teachers were once our own students. Benefits of this partnership include:


- Student teaching in Seward County and supervised by local teachers
- On-site mentoring provided by a district leader
- Dedicated academic advisor located at SCCC
- 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

[coe.k-state.edu/k-step-up/](http://coe.k-state.edu/k-step-up/)

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### FINANCIAL COMPARISON \*

Tuition & Fees (1 Year – 30 credit hours)	\$10,466	\$13,092
Tuition & Fees (2 Years – 60 credit hours)	\$20,932	\$26,184
Books & Supplies (1 Year)	\$800	\$800
Books & Supplies (2 Years)	\$1,600	\$1,600
Room & Board (1 Year)	\$10,000	NA
Room & Board (2 Years)	\$20,000	NA

### ON-CAMPUS

### K-STATE ONLINE

### TOTAL EXPENSES

1 YEAR

\$21,266

\$13,892

2 YEARS

\$42,532

\$27,784

\* Estimated costs are subject to change.

ONLINE  
saves students  
almost  
**\$14,750**

### Funding Resources for On-Campus Education

- **State of Kansas Grants and Scholarships:**  
[https://www.kansasregents.org/scholarships\\_and\\_grants](https://www.kansasregents.org/scholarships_and_grants)
- **Grants:** <https://www.k-state.edu/sfa/aid/grants/>
- **Scholarships:** <https://www.k-state.edu/sfa/aid/scholarships/>
- **Loans:** <https://www.k-state.edu/sfa/aid/loans/>
- **VA Benefits:** <https://www.k-state.edu/veteran/benefits/>
- **Federal Work Study – On-Campus:**  
<https://www.k-state.edu/sfa/aid/federal-work-study/>
- **Loans Repayment (in certain cases, the federal government will cancel all or part of a school loan):**  
<https://www.kansaslegalservices.org/node/156/student-loan-forgiveness-programs>
- **Rural Opportunity Zones:**  
<https://www.kansascommerce.gov/programs-services/community-development/rural-opportunity-zones/student-loan-repayment-application/>

### Funding Resources for your Online Education

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



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