

Proclamation

Metropolitan Community College and the University of Kansas MCC Associates of Arts for KU Core Goals 1 through 3 April 23, 2018

WHEREAS this proclamation summarizes an academic partnership between Metropolitan Community College (MCC) and the University of Kansas (KU) that provides students who have earned an Associate of Arts (AA) degree from Metropolitan Community College (MCC) be considered to have met Goals 1 through 3 of the KU Core. This proclamation demonstrates the commitment by both institutions to develop academic collaborations that reach beyond state affiliations for the purpose of maximizing educational opportunities for students residing in the Kansas City metropolitan area. The following understandings will guide this effort until modified or amended.

WHEREAS for the purpose of this proclamation a review of each institutions' history, accreditations and accomplishments will be provided.

Metropolitan Community College

Metropolitan Community College (MCC) is the oldest and largest public institution of higher learning in Kansas City, Mo., founded in 1915. The Junior College of Kansas City, as it was known starting in 1919, was one of the first schools in the country to award an associate degree. Currently, MCC comprises five campuses on the Missouri side of the Kansas City metropolitan area and offers more than 130 associate degree and certificate programs. MCC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. MCC's most recent accreditation review was completed in early 2016. Additionally, several academic programs are individually accredited by other agencies.

University of Kansas

As an institution with a long history of educational excellence, the University of Kansas (KU) is the ideal partner for Metropolitan Community College. KU is a major public research and teaching institution of 28,400 students and 2,600 faculty on six campuses (Lawrence, Kansas City, Overland Park, Wichita, Leavenworth and Salina). KU's diverse elements are united by its mission to educate leaders, build healthy communities, and make discoveries that change the world. KU is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The University of Kansas is one of only 34 public institutions in the prestigious Association of American Universities.

WHEREAS the Metropolitan Community College (MCC) will be a *postsecondary institution* formal partner that is addressed in the University of Kansas (KU) Associates of Arts Transfer Policy, which states:

Students who have earned an Associate of Arts degree from a regionally accredited Kansas public college, public university, or public community college will be considered to have met Goals 1 through 3 of the KU Core (general education). Additional postsecondary institutions may be added as KU continues to create formal partnerships.

WHEREAS MCC Associate of Arts degree holders to whom this applies must meet all additional requirements of their chosen program of study as well as the requirements of goals 4 through 6 of the KU Core. Requirements may include additional lower-division coursework or minimum grades for specific courses.

WHEREAS KU will communicate and market to MCC students that their Associates of Arts will fulfill Core Goals 1 through 3. If Missouri residents transfer to KU Edwards Campus, students would have an added incentive of the MetroKC tuition rate. The MetroKC rate allows residents from 11 neighboring counties in Missouri to apply for tuition equivalent to in-state rates.

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