



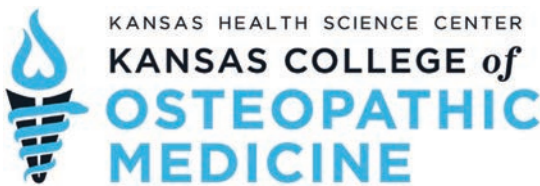
FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY



Fort Hays State University launches new medical school partnership

A new admissions partnership agreement between Fort Hays State University (FHSU) and Kansas Health Science Center – Kansas College of Osteopathic Medicine (KHSC – KansasCOM) will help address Kansas’ physician shortage.

The agreement allows select Fort Hays State University students to accelerate their career path with a 3+4 program. Qualified students who meet admission requirements will have the opportunity to begin their first year of medical school in their senior year of undergraduate studies at FHSU. After completing their first year at KHSC – KansasCOM, students will receive their bachelor’s degree from FHSU and be able to complete their medical degree in seven years.



Students at FHSU who meet specific course requirements of their undergraduate program and the admissions criteria at KHSC – KansasCOM will have the opportunity to transition to medical school in the summer of 2024.



SBDC at FHSU to lead new economic development initiative in Northwest Kansas

The Kansas Small Business Development Center (SBDC), a Fort Hays State University-based network of eight regional economic development and business consulting centers across Kansas, recently introduced its plan for a reimagined economic development area encompassing 26 rural counties in Northwest Kansas. The driving force behind the initiative is a groundbreaking partnership between the Kansas SBDC, NetWork Kansas, and the Norton-based Innovation Center (formerly known as the Northwest Kansas Economic Innovation Center). “This new partnership will allow us to collectively deliver more assistance than we have been able to do individually. Small businesses in Western Kansas will reap the benefit of us all working more closely together to help them start, grow, and thrive,” State Director of the SBDC Greg Jordan said.

Jordan expects that this renewed attention and improved financial support for a region that struggled economically for more than a decade will create opportunities for a substantial rise in the number of clients served. The initiative will also significantly impact business and community stability and growth in rural Kansas.

The SBDC plans will offer comprehensive business management consulting services in Northwest Kansas on January 1, 2024. Clients in the region will enjoy access to a wealth of resources from the three partnering organizations, including economic and entrepreneurial assistance, a central portal that connects entrepreneurs and small business owners to expertise, education and training opportunities, and a range of financial resources.

NetWork Kansas secured startup funding for the initiative in the form of a \$475,000 Kansas State University 105 grant. A key element in the university's comprehensive Economic Prosperity Plan, the K-State 105 initiative aligns with the Kansas Board of Regents' strategic plan and vision for how universities are key contributors to economic prosperity in Kansas.



Join us for the **2023 Western Ag Summit** on Thursday, November 9
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Robbins Center at FHSU

Excellence - The Hallmark of FHSU Nursing Education

Smaller classes, committed faculty mentors, a keen focus on simulation lab-based training, and challenging rural and clinical rotations - all hallmarks of the FHSU Bachelor of Science in Nursing program - mean that FHSU nursing grads are among the best prepared in Kansas.

FHSU nursing faculty and staff are dedicated to supporting their students in every way possible, from providing hands-on clinical experience to offering mentorship and guidance throughout their academic journey. With state-of-the-art facilities and cutting-edge technology, the department is at the forefront of nursing education. The department focuses on innovative healthcare delivery and instruction utilizing advanced information technology, which connects Kansas to the nation and the world.



Licensure exam pass rates for FHSU BSN and DNP Nursing grads #1 in Kansas

National Council of State Boards of Nursing "NCLEX" exam pass rates for Bachelor of Science in Nursing graduates (2022):

- FHSU: 93%
- KBOR Universities: 86%
- State of Kansas: 82%
- National average: 80%

American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) certification exam pass rates for Doctor of Nursing Practice graduates:

- FHSU: 100%
- National average: 75%

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