KU at Work: Johnson County
Highlighting the services and support KU provides to Johnson County

Educating Leaders

Students

KU has 8,964 students from Johnson County: 6,347 undergraduate, 1,801 graduate, and 816 at KU Medical Center.

These students have significant support in the form of grants, scholarships, and fellowships. As of the fall census, $17.8 million in federal, state, institutional, and outside/private grants, scholarships, and fellowships have been awarded on all campuses to 3,570 Johnson County students for FY 2015.

Of the fall 2014 KU students, 6,592 have transfer credit from other Johnson County postsecondary institutions, including 6,486 from Johnson County Community College.

KU has 66,951 alumni from Johnson County.

Building Healthy Communities

Business

KU has partnerships with a large number of Johnson County businesses.

- 412 Johnson County businesses partner with KU on career services
- 247 businesses participated in continuing education programs
- 42 businesses provided research grants or grant proposals
- 137 businesses have provided support through KU Endowment

Public Safety

KU provides public safety training for law enforcement, fire and rescue response. In FY 2014, 213 law enforcement officers and 487 fire and rescue officials from Johnson County were trained at KU.

Healthcare – KU Medical Center

Enhancing Student Education

- 10 K-12 students in Johnson County participated in activities during Fiscal Year 2014 that encouraged them to consider careers in health care, math and science. These events were hosted by KU’s Area Health Education Center and Office for Cultural Enhancement and Diversity.
Three high schools in Johnson County used Mini Medical School in FY14, a resource kit for upper level high school teachers in the biological sciences. The kit, currently used in 17 schools across the state, is designed to supplement and enhance their curriculum while simultaneously introducing students to various aspects of the health field through fun and exciting projects. Mini Medical School was created by the KU Area Health Education Center and features physicians and experts from KU Medical Center and Kansas State University.

Nurses across Kansas can now advance their careers from home, thanks to an innovative agreement between the KU School of Nursing and 18 regional community colleges, including Johnson County Community College. The agreement provides nurses who have an associate’s degree in nursing from a participating college an easier transition to earning their bachelor of science in nursing through KU’s online RN-to-BSN program.

Strengthening the Health Care Workforce

- 6,499 KU Medical Center graduates live and/or practice in Johnson County.
- 2 health care providers have been placed in Johnson County since 2004 through the Kansas Recruitment and Retention Center, which provides placement assistance to rural health organizations and seeks to enhance the quality and quantity of health care professionals in rural Kansas.
- 6 Johnson County physicians received funding through the Kansas Bridging Plan, a loan-forgiveness program offered since 1991 to primary care medical residents who agree to practice in rural Kansas.
- 1,057 enrollments in KU Medical Center continuing education courses and conferences by Johnson County health care professionals in FY14.
- 161 professional education and administrative visits in Johnson County occurred in FY14 via telemedicine, an interactive video technology that connects providers and patients when distance separates the two. The technology is operated by the University of Kansas Center for Telemedicine and Telehealth.

Advancing Health Care Access

- 54 Johnson County residents saw KU Medical Center health care providers via telemedicine, an interactive video technology that connects providers and patients when distance separates the two, in Fiscal Year 2014.
- 400 Kansans received free medical attention and education in FY14 through preventive screenings and events hosted in Johnson County with support from KU Medical Center programs.