KU at Work: McPherson County
Highlighting the services and support KU provides McPherson County

Educating Leaders

Students

KU has 131 students from McPherson County: 74 undergraduate, 36 graduate, and 21 at the KU Medical Center.

These students have significant support in the form of grants, scholarships, and fellowships. As of the fall census, $357,118 in federal, state, institutional, and outside/private grants, scholarships, and fellowships have been awarded on all campuses to 63 McPherson County students for FY 2015.

Of the fall 2014 KU students, 95 have transfer credit from other McPherson County postsecondary institutions.

KU has 603 alumni from McPherson County.

Building Healthy Communities

Business

KU has partnerships with 4 businesses in McPherson County.

- 1 business partners with KU for career services
- 2 businesses participated in KU continuing education programs
- 1 business provided charitable giving through KU Endowment.

Public Safety

KU provides public safety training for law enforcement, fire and rescue response. In FY 2014, 75 law enforcement officers and 44 fire and rescue officials from McPherson County were trained at KU.

Healthcare – KU Medical Center

Enhancing Student Education

- 10 McPherson County physicians serve as volunteer KU Medical Center faculty, providing medical students with hands-on training in rural communities as part of the Rural Preceptorship Program.

Strengthening the Health Care Workforce

- 58 KU Medical Center graduates live and/or practice in McPherson County.
2 health care providers have been placed in McPherson 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.

4 McPherson County physicians received funding through the Kansas Bridging Plan, a loan-forgiveness program offered to primary care medical residents who agree to practice in rural Kansas.

1 McPherson County health care employer exhibited with 2014 Kansas Career Opportunities, which is designed to introduce medical students, residents and other health care professionals to rural communities looking to hire.

1 enrollment in KU Medical Center continuing education courses and conferences by a McPherson County health care professional in Fiscal Year 2014.

18 professional education and administrative visits in McPherson County occurred in Fiscal Year 2014 via telemedicine, an interactive video technology that eliminates distance as a barrier to health care, continuing education and interprofessional collaboration. The technology is operated by the University of Kansas Center for Telemedicine and Telehealth.

Advancing Health Care Access

- McPherson County residents saw KU Medical Center health care providers 31 times via telemedicine in FY14. An interactive video technology that connects providers and patients when distance separates the two, telemedicine services are provided through the University of Kansas Center for Telemedicine and Telehealth.

- McPherson County residents made 28 visits to KU Medical Center health care providers in outreach clinics held outside of Kansas City in FY14.