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

Educating Leaders

Students

KU has 21 students from Norton County: 14 undergraduate, 4 graduate, and 3 at the KU Medical Center.

These students have significant support in the form of grants, scholarships, and fellowships. As of the fall census, $51,506 in federal, state, institutional, and outside/private grants, scholarships, and fellowships have been awarded on all campuses to 11 Norton County students for FY 2015.

KU has 68 alumni from Norton County.

Building Healthy Communities

Business

KU has a partnership with one Norton County business for career services.

Public Safety

KU provides public safety training to the state for law enforcement, fire and rescue response. In FY 2014, 20 law enforcement officers and 2 fire and rescue officials from Norton County were trained at KU.

Healthcare – KU Medical Center

Enhancing Student Education

- 2 Norton 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.
- Medical students spent six weeks working with primary care physicians and conducting a community-based research project in 26 counties, including Norton County, as part of KU Medical Center’s summer Rural Primary Care Practice and Research Program, one of several programs designed to encourage students to consider practicing medicine in a rural Kansas community.

Strengthening the Health Care Workforce

- 7 KU Medical Center graduates live and/or practice in Norton County.
• 1 Norton County physician 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.

Advancing Health Care Access

• Norton County residents made 2 visits to KU Medical Center health care providers in outreach clinics held outside of Kansas City in Fiscal Year 2014.

• Norton County Hospital is one of 13 partners in The University of Kansas Hospital’s Kansas Heart and Stroke Collaborative, a $12.5 million federally-funded initiative awarded in 2014 that seeks to reduce heart disease and stroke deaths in western Kansas by 20 percent. Led by Executive Director Robert Moser, MD, the Collaborative will bring systematic change to treatment for heart disease and stroke in the region to help patients get the care they need closer to home as well as reduce health care costs. The grant also provides funding for health education campaigns aimed at prevention and rehabilitation.