



ELEVATING THE REGION THROUGH EDUCATION

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WHY EDUCATION MATTERS TO ME















THE
GOAL IS
TO
GROW
OUR
OWN

- ▶ Two Groups of Students
 - ▶ 85% of high schools graduates not taking the traditional university path
 - ▶ Non-traditional working adults

Southwest Kansas Coalition

2020 LEGISLATIVE POLICY



HEALTHCARE EDUCATION NEEDS



- Community Colleges -
 - Nursing
 - Respiratory Therapy
 - Medical Laboratory Technology
 - Surgery Technology
 - Social Work
 - Paramedic & Fire Science

- University Bachelor Programs
 - Nursing – FHSU or KUMC
 - Radiology - FHSU
 - Respiratory - KUMC
 - Health Science - WSU
 - Health Administration – WSU
 - Exercise Science - WSU
 - Social Work - FSHU



- University Master/Ph.D. Programs
 - Nursing – FHSU or KU
 - Physician Assistant - WSU
 - Social Work - KU

Community Coalition Building

Coalitions require a significant community change in Western KS regarding the deeply rooted mindset that education is not accessible for community members choosing to live their lives in Western Kansas.

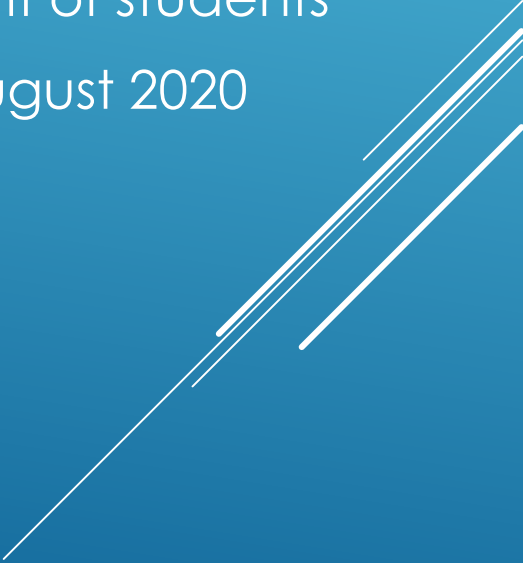


DODGE CITY ADVANCED HEALTHCARE EDUCATION COALITION PARTNERS

- School Districts –
 - Middle/High School
 - Pathways/Counselors
- Adult Learning Centers
- Community Colleges
- Employers -
 - Hospitals/Clinics/Community Health
 - Mental Health/Children Services
- Physician Leadership
- Universities
- Major employers
- City/County/EcoDev



NEXT STEPS FOR 2020 AND BEYO

- FHSU Bachelor of Nursing
 - FHSU Master's of Social Work
 - KU Respiratory Therapy
 - KU KLETC Regional Training Center
 - Ongoing Recruitment of students
 - Programs starting August 2020
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Improve
access to
post-
secondary
education

Improve
access to
healthcare in
rural Kansas

Grow local
diverse
providers

Incentivize
State
Universities to
expand
programs
across state

GOALS
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