

164.580 Kentucky Community and Technical College System -- Curricula -- Goals -- Degree, certificate, and diploma programs -- Duties of president.

- (1) The Kentucky Community and Technical College System is established and shall provide:
 - (a) A general two (2) year academic curriculum with credits transferable to two (2) year and four (4) year colleges and universities;
 - (b) Technical and semiprofessional programs of two (2) years or less;
 - (c) Within a two (2) year college curriculum, courses in general education, including adult education, not necessarily intended for transfer nor technically oriented; and
 - (d) Services to Kentucky's employers and the general public to provide continuing education and customized training for purposes of improving the knowledge and skills of Kentucky workers and citizens in all regions of the state.
- (2) The KCTCS shall be responsive to the needs of students and employers in all regions of the Commonwealth with accessible education and training to support the lifelong learning needs of Kentucky citizens in order to:
 - (a) Increase the basic academic and literacy skills of adults through adult basic education and remedial education services;
 - (b) Increase the technical skills and professional expertise of Kentucky workers through associate and technical degrees, diploma, and certificate programs;
 - (c) Increase the access for students to complete prebaccalaureate associate degrees;
 - (d) Enhance the relationship of credentials between secondary and postsecondary programs which permit secondary students to enter programs through early admission, advanced placement, or dual enrollment;
 - (e) Facilitate transfers of credit between certificate, diploma, technical, and associate degree programs;
 - (f) Develop a pool of educated citizens to support the expansion of existing business and industry and the recruitment of new business and industry;
 - (g) Enhance the flexibility and adaptability of Kentucky workers in an ever-changing and global economy through continuing education and customized training for business and industry;
 - (h) Promote the cultural and economic well-being of the communities throughout Kentucky; and
 - (i) Improve the quality of life for Kentucky's citizens.
- (3) Students attending a college under the administration of the board of regents for the KCTCS may pursue a degree, certificate, or diploma through the following programs:
 - (a) Associate degree programs developed by the KCTCS, approved by the board of regents and the Council on Postsecondary Education. The board of regents shall confer degrees and award diplomas for the approved programs;

- (b) Joint degree programs developed between the KCTCS and other institutions;
and
- (c) Certificate and diploma programs developed by the KCTCS and reviewed by the board of regents that do not lead to an associate degree.
- (4) The board of regents for the KCTCS shall expedite, whenever possible, action on requests for any new technical or associate degree program of a vocational-technical or occupational nature.
- (5) The president of the KCTCS shall be responsible for oversight and management of the system, including but not limited to:
 - (a) The supervision of all administrative and managerial aspects of the KCTCS's operations, including personnel matters and fiscal management;
 - (b) Oversight of the operational and facilities plans of the KCTCS;
 - (c) Establishment of partnerships with community members, local governments, and other entities to enhance the mission of the KCTCS; and
 - (d) Approval, modification, and discontinuance of academic and workforce programs after input and recommendations from college faculty relating to curriculum and consultation with the board of regents.

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