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The KCTCS Catalog serves as the students' guide to academic programs and services that our colleges provide. Students who enroll in an academic program should fulfill requirements as they exist at the time of such enrollment. If requirements change while the student is enrolled in a program, he/she may fulfill either the new or old requirements.

KCTCS makes every effort to include relevant, timely, and accurate information in the Catalog. However, KCTCS reserves the right to make changes in the calendar, admission policies, expenses, programs, curricula, course descriptions, or any other matters addressed or not addressed in this publication. Prospective students and enrolled students should check with college admission officers and academic advisers to learn of any changes. Also, some updates may be included in the online version of the Catalog located at [kctcs.edu](http://kctcs.edu).

# Message from Dr. Jay Box, KCTCS President

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I'm so happy you've decided to better your life by increasing your knowledge and skills through higher education! You've taken that first important step by checking out the programs and classes we offer. With campuses close to you and hundreds of online offerings, I'm sure you'll find just what you're looking for.

You're making a smart choice by choosing KCTCS. Our tuition is the lowest in the state – less than half of what you'd pay at a four-year university. We believe in you and your potential, and our faculty and staff are here to help you every step of the way.

If you have questions about anything you see in the catalog, how to enroll, financial aid or any other concern, contact the KCTCS college nearest you or call (855) 465-2827. Our Go KCTCS! call center never closes, so anytime you have a question, someone will be there to answer it. You'll also find more information about our colleges at [kctcs.edu](http://kctcs.edu).

On behalf of the entire KCTCS family of colleges, I wish you the best of luck in your educational endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jay K. Box".

Jay K. Box, Ed.D.  
President, KCTCS

# History and Functions of KCTCS

The Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) was created by the 1997 Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act to help improve access to higher education for all Kentuckians.

KCTCS is the largest provider of higher education, workforce training and online learning in Kentucky.

The 16 colleges of KCTCS have more than 70 campuses strategically located across the Commonwealth within a 30-minute drive of 95 percent of all Kentuckians.

Students can earn three types of credentials – certificates, diplomas and associate degrees including: associate in arts, associate in science and associate in applied science. Since our inception, we have increased the number of credentials awarded by 292 percent. KCTCS is number eight nationally in the number of credentials awarded, and number two based on population.

Our programs target Kentucky’s high growth industry sectors such as healthcare, manufacturing, energy, IT/business and transportation/logistics. Some programs in these fields can be completed in four months or less. We collaborate with businesses throughout the state to align our programs with their needs so our students can step out of college and into a job.

Through our business partnerships and registered apprenticeships we provide students with the skills required today and to help industries and individuals develop the capabilities they will need tomorrow. Since 2000, our Workforce Solutions team has served three million program participants.

Last year, KCTCS trained and educated:

- More than 106,000 credit-seeking students.
- 82 percent of skilled trades workers.
- 87 percent of all associate degrees in nursing and allied health
- 66 of the state’s total nursing and allied health credentials.

KCTCS colleges offer a wide range of student services. The majority of our students receive federal financial aid and a variety of need and merit-based scholarships. KCTCS colleges are also the best value in postsecondary education in Kentucky, with the lowest tuition in the Commonwealth. Students pay less than half the cost of the state’s public four-year universities.

Each KCTCS college is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), and our mission is to improve the lives and employability of Kentuckians.

To learn more about KCTCS, visit [kctcs.edu](http://kctcs.edu).

# Mission Statement

## Kentucky Community and Technical College System

In everything we do, our mission is to improve the quality of life and employability of the citizens of the Commonwealth by serving as the primary provider of:

- College and Workforce Readiness.
- Transfer Education.
- Workforce Education and Training.

# Academic Calendar

In order to be responsive to the needs of communities and students, KCTCS institutions offer terms in a variety of lengths from two weeks to 16 weeks. The two primary terms begin in August and January. The colleges offer shorter sessions within these two terms, allowing students the flexibility to schedule classes to best meet their needs. A variety of sessions from two to eight weeks are also available during the summer months.

All KCTCS colleges follow a common policy for establishing important dates within each session such as deadlines for adding and dropping classes and receiving refunds. Students should contact the Records/ Admission office at their local college for the local academic calendar.

The following closings are applicable to all KCTCS institutions:

## July

3 Independence Day observed

## September

7 Labor Day

## November

3 Presidential Election

26 Thanksgiving Day

27 Day After Thanksgiving

## December

21 Institutional Closing

22 Institutional Closing

23 Institutional Closing

24 Institutional Closing

25 Institutional Closing

28 Institutional Closing

29 Institutional Closing

30 Institutional Closing

31 Institutional Closing

## January

1 Institutional Closing

18 Martin Luther King Day

## February

15 President’s Day

## April

2 Good Friday (1/2 Day)

## May

31 Memorial Day

# KCTCS Leadership\*

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### Owensboro Community and Technical College

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### Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College

**Dr. Phillip W. Neal**  
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