



### Transfer Connect

This new program helps Kansas community college graduates transfer seamlessly to Fort Hays State University. This program aims to increase student success by offering specialized services through a partnership between community college academic advisors and a dedicated FHSU Transfer Success Coach.

### Transfer Connect by the numbers

- 46 Transfer Connect students went on to enroll at FHSU
- 236 active community college student participants
- **School Students**
  - Barton CC 55
  - Garden City CC 53
  - Dodge City CC 12
  - Seward CCC 6
  - Colby CC 26
  - Hutchinson CC 22

### Social Work Cohort Programs making a difference in western Kansas

FHSU's social work cohort programs in western Kansas were designed for students already established and engaged in their local communities. The cohort model enables students to complete a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree without frequent travel or relocation to Hays.

To date, 70 students have graduated from our cohort programs in Garden City, Dodge City, and Liberal. In Garden City, cohort program graduates comprise more than half of the total number of licensed social workers in Finney County.

### FHSU's Garden City Community College Admissions Office

Based in the Thomas F. Saffell Library in the center of campus, FHSU is an easily accessed resource for students considering a post-community college education. Through a partnership with Garden City CC, FHSU has assigned two full-time staff members to

serve students in western Kansas. Staff also make weekly trips to Liberal and Dodge City.

### The Hispanic College Institute

FHSU's Hispanic College Institute (HCI) is a residential program that prepares high school Hispanic and Latino students in Kansas to enter and succeed in higher education. Held on the FHSU campus, HCI is based on research and input from Hispanic educators and community leaders. Hispanic students, faculty, and staff who can relate to the HCI students' experiences and challenges manage the majority of the programming. FHSU provides free bus travel for HCI attendees from Kansas, Colorado, and Missouri.

### Several recurring events expand FHSU's connections in western Kansas

- High school counselor lunches: Topics covered included updates on tuition, scholarships, facilities, and academic programs offered by the university. During the 2021-2022 school year, we provided High School Counselor Luncheons in both Colby and Garden City. Fifteen participants from 12 schools attended the events.
- Information sessions at the Garden City Higher Education Center: These events provide local area students the opportunity to apply to Fort Hays State for free and have the chance to win additional scholarships for attending.
- Student Recognition Programs: For the past 34 years, FHSU has hosted Student Recognition Programs in Colby, Garden City, and Dodge City. These programs bring administration, faculty, and student affairs representatives from FHSU to these areas to recognize local students.
- Free Application Days in Garden City: During the fall semester of 2023, we offered a free application day at our Garden City Transfer Center for Garden City Community College students.
- NEW: FHSU/USD 480 joint event: This spring, FHSU will co-host an event with USD 480 in Liberal, to focus on promoting opportunities for educators and teachers in the Liberal area.

### **Transferring Credit**

Fort Hays State University accepts transfer credit from all regionally accredited U.S. institutions. FHSU also accepts military credits evaluated by the American Council on Education. AP, CLEP, DSST, Excelsior, and ACTFL examination credits are also accepted based upon the evaluation. International credits may also be accepted when evaluated by NACES members.

Effective Fall 2022, with the exception noted below, all undergraduate degree-seeking students must complete the FHSU CORE program or the Kansas Board of Regents system-wide general education program.

### **Kansas Community College Guarantee**

Transfer students who have completed an Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) program at a Kansas community college will have fulfilled all FHSU general education requirements. Transfer students must still complete all academic requirements, including major cognates, to fulfill the intended program of study.

### **Transfer Scholarships**

New, on-campus transfer scholarships are based on cumulative GPA. All scholarships are automatic upon receipt of an official or unofficial transcript(s). FHSU will accept transcripts until June 30 .

- PTK All Kansas Academic Team Member Scholarship
  - \$2,250 - Renewable for a second year with a 3.3 cumulative FHSU GPA.
- PHI Theta Kappa Scholarship
  - \$1,500 - Renewable for a second year with a 3.5 cumulative FHSU GPA. Must be a current PTK member.
- Cumulative GPA : 3.5-4.0 GPA
  - \$1,500 - Renewable for a second year.
- Cumulative GPA: 3.0-3.49
  - \$1,000 - One-time-award
- Cumulative GPA: 2.5-2.99
  - \$500 - One-time-award

### **Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)**

Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) allows students to demonstrate they have the knowledge that would normally be acquired in an FHSU course. College learning can occur in many fields, but it must be in a field offered at FHSU to be considered in these programs. This knowledge can come from a variety of sources: Work, volunteering, community service, certifications, workshops, non-credit courses, or independent study.

### **Credit for Military Experience & Training**

Students registered at FHSU may earn college credit for educational experiences in the armed forces. Credit is awarded upon consultation with the recommendations of the American Council on Education (ACE) Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services.

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