K-State Signs Agreement for AccessUs 2+2 Program in Elementary Education

An AccessUs 2+2 agreement has been developed between Seward County Community College, Dodge City Community College, Garden City Community College, and Kansas State University. The agreement was signed June 12, 2006 at Anthony Middle School in Manhattan.

Through online and onsite learning, this distance program allows students to earn an Associate of Arts Degree in Education at Dodge City, Garden City, or Seward County Community Colleges and then transfer the credits to K-State towards the completion of a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education with a Concentration in English as a Second Language.

The Bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education is designed to provide understanding of content, teaching methods, and student learning appropriate for teaching grades K-6. The ESL curriculum is designed to prepare future teachers to meet the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse students.

K-State Elementary Education graduates who are licensed in ESL are qualified to teach in any classroom from kindergarten through sixth grades. They may become regular classroom teachers or may be ESL specialists within an elementary school building.

“Individuals with the educational background have the potential to serve as advocates for students and families who come from diverse backgrounds and are typically sought out as resources for the schools and the districts in which they work,” said Gail Shroyer, professor of elementary education.

For more information about this bachelor’s degree completion program through the Equity and Access Project, call 785-532-5797 or visit www.coe.ksu.edu/tqe.

Mary Marston, DCE coordinator for the College of Education, coordinated the 2 + 2 signing. Melinda Sinn handled media relations for the event and Kristen Klucas in PIO wrote the news release and developed the 2 + 2 curriculum guide.
Dave Stewart was elected president of the National Universities Degree Consortium (NUDC). NUDC is a consortium of universities that work together to market and provide quality distance education programs. Institutional members include Washington State, Colorado State, Weber State, University of Missouri, University of Minnesota, University of New Orleans, University of South Carolina, Oklahoma State, and K-State. The consortium provides access to sixty-eight distance degree programs.

Thanks go to Mary Marston, who has worked closely with College of Education faculty and staff, especially Yoli Carter, Gail Shroyer, Sally Yahnke, Andrew Bennett, and Dean Mike Holen to make all the arrangements needed for providing an “on-site” program in Southwest Kansas. The program, Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education with a concentration in English as a Second Language (ESL), has been approved by the Board of Regents to be offered in the special “AccessUs” program, which provides several financial advantages and assurances for the students.

Kansas State University has made an agreement to partner with the Maricopa Community Colleges to further the nutrition programs offered in the Maricopa County Community College District. The Maricopa District is one of the largest higher education systems in the world and the largest provider of health care workers and job training in Arizona. Before this agreement, students at Maricopa had limited options for credit transfer. In order to provide more opportunities for their students, two representatives from Mesa Community College (a part of the Maricopa District) traveled from Arizona to K-State to meet with faculty and university representatives to discuss formalizing a partnership to support the transfer of nutrition students into the dietetics program at K-State. This collaboration with Maricopa will expand the scope of distance education at K-State and provide more students with exceptional nutrition education.

Melinda Sinn participated in an online seminar, June 23, “Living with Success—Turning Leads into Students, Profitably”. The workshop was sponsored by Sloan Consortium, a consortium of institutions and organizations committed to quality online education (www.sloan-c.org).

Shalin Hai-Jew has three book reviews in the upcoming issue of Journal of Interactive Instruction Development (JIID):

“Deploying Virtual Teaming for High Creativity”
“New Directions for Teaching and Learning Series: Effective Online Teaching and Online Assessment”
“Houghton Mifflin Releases Complementary Texts for Newbie DL Instructors and Learners: Teaching Online and E-Learning Companion”

OME instructional designers Ben Ward, Swasati Mukherjee, and Shalin Hai-Jew have a presentation accepted at the Summer Institute on Distance Learning (SIDLIT 2006):

http://web.jccc.net/c2c/news/index2.htm

Launching IDOS: The Instructional Design Open Studio Blog at KSU - This presentation covers the origins, design and planning, policy-setting and evolution of the Instructional Design Open Studio (IDOS) blog of Kansas State University’s Office of Mediated Education. Hear about the strategic goals that the bloggers hope to achieve. Hear how ID Alochona, “Instructions Not Included” Ben Ward, and Eruditio Loginquitas deal with creativity in writing and virtual community-building issues. Explore the future of this social blog with these local bloggers.

The blog may be accessed at http://ome.ksu.edu/id/blog/.
Statements

Starting with the new Fiscal Year there will be two notices that are used on publications for individuals who need special assistance. There will be one notice for credit students which will direct the student to the Disability Support Services Office which will begin to handle all requests for credit programs. There will be a different notice for conferences and non-credit programs. There will be a gradual transition on printed publications with these new notices.

The DCE website has already been updated with this new information. You may visit the website at http://www.dce.ksu.edu/dce/special_assistance.html.

Statement for Credit
The following statement is to be used on all printed brochures, booklets, flyers, etc., for CREDIT programs and courses. This statement will replace the Special Assistance statement.

Disability Support Services
Kansas State University is committed to providing equal opportunity and access for students with disabilities. A student with a disability who wishes to request accommodations for a credit course offered through the Division of Continuing Education should contact the Accommodations Specialist at the Disability Support Services office (http://www.k-state.edu/dss/), (785)532-6441, dss@ksu.edu.

Statement for Conferences and Non-Credit Programs
The following statement is to be used on all printed brochures, booklets, flyers, web pages, etc., for CONFERENCES and NON-CREDIT programs. This statement will replace our current Special Assistance statement.

Special Assistance
Kansas State University is committed to making conferences and non-credit programs accessible to all participants. A participant in a conference or non-credit program with a disability who needs accommodations or has special dietary requirements should contact the Conference Program Coordinator at (785)532-5575 or 1-800-622-2KSU. Requests for assistance should be made three weeks prior to the event. After that date, we will make every effort to provide assistance but cannot guarantee that requested services will be available.

We will miss you both!

Nita Prickett departed DCE at the end of June. She is to be congratulated as she received an offer just down the street at Manhattan Christian College. It is hard to imagine this place without Nita and we will miss her very much! On the other hand, it is nice to know that she will be just down the way and that she has such a great new job.

Brian McKinney will be leaving as the Web Team Leader for the Division of Continuing Education. Brian has accepted another position with CNS. His last day at work was June 30. During his time with us, we have all come to appreciate Brian for his good work and his gentle spirit. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.
On the Grow . . .

Employee Recognition

Duplicating/Mail Center Students - Room 13

Stephanie Arpin

Responsibilities in DCE: Stephanie will be working in the Public Information Office and the Duplicating/Mail Center providing assistance on daily tasks, distribution of mail, deliveries, and filing.
Hometown: Randolph, KS
Major: Interior Design
Year at K-State: Freshman
Hobbies: Art, playing games, learning piano, and hanging out with friends

Cally Bitterlin

Responsibilities in DCE: Mailings, copy jobs, campus mail, USPS, UPS and FedEx
Hometown: Milford, KS
Major: Music Education
Year at K-State: 3rd
Hobbies: Music, photography, movies, and British television.

Kelsey Klucas

Responsibilities in DCE: Kelsey will be working in the Public Information Office and the Duplicating/Mail Center providing assistance on the distribution of mail, deliveries, daily tasks, and filing.
Hometown: Leonardville, KS
Major: Psychology
Year at K-State: Freshman
Hobbies: Play with her 2-year-old nephew, play basketball, and sleep

Julia Marlow

Responsibilities in DCE: Julia oversees the distribution of requests from the DCE Fulfillment Center, mailing information requests from the website, reply postcards, e-mails, phone calls, and letters. The Fulfillment Center is located in 41 College Court Building.
Hometown: Enterprise, AL
Major: Life Science
Year at K-State: Senior
Hobbies: Coaching gymnastics, riding motorcycles, listening to music, and watching Grey’s Anatomy

Christy Pottroff

Responsibilities in DCE: Making copies, delivering and picking up mail, processing mail that is sent out from DCE
Hometown: Horton, KS
Major: English Education (secondary)women’s studies & English minors
Year at K-State: Junior
Hobbies: Being outside! Sports (especially sand volleyball, biking, golf, and basketball), reading, watching movies, volunteering, and traveling
Happenings...

Division Birthdays

July 1  Abhishekh Padmanabhan, Office of Mediated Education
July 4  Brad Harwell, Office of Mediated Education
July 5  Philip Sears, Office of Mediated Education
July 6  Greg Dressman, Office of Mediated Education
July 6  Jon Faustman, Public Information Office
July 8  Ruth Beisel, Business Office
July 8  Cara Davis, Continuing Learning
July 10 Shalin Hai-Jew, Office of Mediated Education
July 10 Mariya Vaughan, Public Information Office
July 15 Lynda Spire, Continuing Learning
July 17 Lucas Sullivan, Duplicating/Mail Center
July 20 Victoria Banales, Continuing Learning

*Please send birthdays to pioinbox@gw.ksu.edu.

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DCE Calendar...

JULY 2006

5-8 ------------- KSU Volleyball Camps --------------------------------------------- Manhattan, KS
6-9 ------------- UDA Dance Camp ----------------------------------------------- Manhattan, KS
8-11 ----------- NCA Collegiate Cheer Camp -------------------------------------- Manhattan, KS
11-13 --------- Traffic Assistance Services for Kansas (TASK)------------------- Hays, KS
12-17 -------- Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists -------------- New Orleans, LA
14-16 ------- NCA Cheer Camp -------------------------------------------------- Manhattan, KS
14-21 ------- Rapid Methods and Automations in Microbiology Workshop ---------- Manhattan, KS
17-18 ------- Crisis Response Project: Ready, Set, Plan ------------------------ Kansas City, MO
17-19 ------- Hoop Mountain Central Basketball ------------------------------- Manhattan, KS
24-29 ------- Stream Channel Field Course: Mapping and Assessment of Natural Stream Channels ------------------------- Sheridan, WY
25-28 ------- Adult Education Summer Institute --------------------------------- Manhattan, KS
30-8/1 ------ Governor’s Conference on Juvenile Justice ---------------------- Topeka, KS

*Please send calendar items to pioinbox@gw.ksu.edu.
Hey gang, there's no need to feel down.  
I said hey gang, turn your frowns upside down,  
Because Nita is not leaving town.  
There’s no need to be unhappy.

But Nita, wherever you go  
Please remember that we love you so.  
You can stay here, and we’re sure you will find  
There is still time to change your mind.

Oh won’t you stay with us, N-I-T-A?  
Oh won’t you stay with us, N-I-T-A?  
We don’t want you to go, and we want you to know  
How richly blessed we are to know you.

N-I-T-A,  
Oh won’t you stay with us, N-I-T-A?  
We don’t want you to go, and we want you to know  
How richly blessed we are to know you.

Nita, are you listening to me?  
I said Nita, how can you leave DCE?  
Okay, they need you down at MCC.  
But we want you to know one thing.

No one can take your place.  
We’ll miss your laughter, and your warm, friendly face.  
So when you leave us and ESL  
We’ll still be friends and we wish you well.

She’s kind and cheerful, our N-I-T-A.  
We’re getting tearful, our N-I-T-A.  
We don’t want you to go, and we want you to know  
How richly blessed we are to know you.

N-I-T-A,  
We’re getting tearful, our N-I-T-A.  
We don’t want you to go, and we want you to know  
How richly blessed we are to know you.

Nita, who will fill your big shoes?  
Oh Nita, we’ll be singing the blues.  
DCE won’t be the same, it’s true,  
But we’re so very happy for you.

Time now for this tribute to end.  
We all love you and we’ll miss you, dear friend.  
In your life journey, wherever you roam,  
There is a place that you can call home.

We’re always here for you, N-I-T-A.  
God bless and keep you, dear N-I-T-A.  
We don’t want you to go, but we want you to know  
How richly blessed we are to know you.

N-I-T-A.  
God bless and keep you, dear N-I-T-A.  
We don’t want you to go, but we want you to know  
How richly blessed we are to know you.
Nita Prickett Departs K-State
But will Feel Right at Home Down the Street

In November of 1995, Lance just happened to be visiting Manhattan on the right weekend to present the slippers to Peg Wherry (Coordinator in Academic Services) as she departed for Weber State University in Utah.

At the end of April 1996, Peg’s husband Thad Cowan returned the slippers to the College Court Building so they could be presented to Rob Domaingue, who was leaving for Southern Oregon.

Sue Maes received the slippers back in April 1999 to present them to Linda Henderson (Coordinator in Academic Services and Conferences and Non-Credit Programs) as she departed for Kansas City and the KU School of Medicine (that other school down the road).

Who would get the Ruby Slippers next? In August of 2000 we had been hearing for years that Viola Bess would be moving back to the islands someday, but who would have guessed it would be just a short year later.

Melinda Sinn made that all-important phone call to Dianna Parmley in Emporia to retrieve the Ruby Slippers. Dianna said no problem. She would be in Manhattan the Monday before Viola’s farewell luncheon on August 31, 2001 and she would drop them by Melinda’s house. Well Dianna couldn’t find Melinda’s house in the country but she did catch Barb Kravitz out for her evening stroll on Anderson Avenue and Dianna just conveniently tossed the Ruby Slippers out her car window so they would be here for Viola’s grand departure from the state of Kansas to the state of sunshine, Florida.

Again the Ruby Slippers sit waiting in a closet. Who would be the next long timer in the Division to depart. The Ruby Slippers had been conveniently returned to Barb Kravitz by Viola Bess.

Then in April 2003 Cyndy Trent, a long-time program coordinator of the bachelor’s degree completion program in the Division of Continuing Education, announce that she will be departing for the sun and fun of California. (What is the deal with everyone thinking they need to have fun in the sun!!) So out come the Ruby Slippers again as the natural departing gift for Cyndy so she will know that there is “No Place like Kansas.” Amid a frolicking party in College Court Building on April 23, 2003, Cyndy was presented with the sparkling, dazzling, Ruby Slippers, with many laughs and well wishes from her long-time co-workers, as she departs to become the Director of Distance Education at San Joaquin Valley College in Visalia, Calif.

In August 2003 Suzanne Knorr, program coordinator, departs from the Division for a job at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. With telepathic communications, Cyndy Trent in California manages to find the Ruby Slippers in her can of worms in time to ship them back for Suzanne’s farewell.
The Ruby Slippers have been sitting in the Public Information Office gathering dust for two years. After almost two decades of the Ruby Slippers traveling the country they always seem to make it “home” to Manhattan. It seems quite appropriate that Anne Stark would receive the Ruby Slippers upon her departure from DCE. Anne is much like the real “Dorothy” who left Kansas in her dreams but always manages to come “home.” Anyone who names their children after K-State buildings (Calvin, Kedzie, and Holton) and bleeds purple as much as Anne does will always call K-State and Manhattan “home.” Good luck to Anne as she departs on July 15, 2005 for Marqueete, Michigan where she will be the Marketing Director for Northern Michigan University. Anne, may the Ruby Slippers remind you of home and the Division of Continuing Education staff you left behind.

In June 2006 DCE realized that they needed the Ruby Slippers again when they learned that Nita Prickett would be leaving the Division to take a job with Manhattan Christian College, just down the street. While MCC is not leaving Manhattan DCE wanted Nita to know that she could still come “home” and visit everyone down the street.

Finding the Ruby Slippers can always be a challenge and an e-mail was sent to Anne Stark in Michigan who went scrambling to find the slippers. At first Anne thought she had sent them home with her mom who lives in Manhattan but then she remembered that maybe the airline security people confiscated them since they were bagged up in a double layer of gallon baggies but then Anne found them at home in her back yard. Now you have to remember that Michigan gets really cold and had an exceptionally bad winter with lots of snow so when Anne brought the Ruby Slippers back to Manhattan for Nita’s farewell luncheon they still had a little of Michigan on them.