

University of Kansas Edwards Campus

JCERT University Report

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JCERT Program Status

Degree	Date Launched	*Enrollment 2014-15	Anticipated Enrollment 2015-16	Enrollment Fall 2015	Currently Enrolled Students Spring 2016	**Total Graduates
Bachelor of Business Administration	Fall 2010	175 (1821 Credit Hours)	200 (2455 Credit Hours)	120 (820 Credit Hours)	57 (532 Credit Hours)	144
Bachelor of Science Information Technology	Spring 2012	35 (363 Credit Hours)	40 (480 Credit Hours)	44 (324 Credit Hours)	19 (186 Credit Hours)	2
Master of Science Project Management	Fall 2013	15 (149 Credit Hours)	25 (150 Credit Hours)	16 (69 Credit Hours)	14 (89 Credit Hours)	1
Master of Engineering Project Management	Fall 2013	15 (149 Credit Hours)	25 (150 Credit Hours)	25 (128 Credit Hours)	68 (298 Credit Hours)	2
Professional Science Masters Environmental Assessment	Fall 2013 (full launch SP14)	20 (117 Credit Hours)	30 (180 Credit Hours)	28 (143 Credit Hours)	29 (108 Credit Hours)	1
Bachelor of Science Exercise Science	Spring 2014	25 (263 Credit Hours)	35 (340 Credit Hours)	17 (210 Credit Hours)	6 (56 Credit Hours)	
Master of Science Educational Technology	Spring 2014	25 (159 Credit Hours)	35 (160 Credit Hours)	14 (138 Credit Hours)	2 (6 Credit Hours)	3
Masters in Accounting	Fall 2014	10 (108 Credit Hours)	20 (250 Credit Hours)	19 (121 Credit Hours)	13 (74 Credit Hours)	
Bachelor of Applied Science Biotechnology	Fall 2015	-	12 (276 Credit Hours)	0 (0 Credit Hours)	1 (15 Credit Hours)	
Graduate Certificate in Professional Workplace Communication	Fall 2015	-	10 (120 Credit Hours)	3 (42 Credit Hours)	3 (7 Credit Hours)	
Undergraduate Certificate in Accounting	Fall 2015	-	12 (144)	0 (36 Credit Hours)	0 (0 Credit Hours)	
Master of Science in Applied Statistics and Analytics	Fall 2015	-	20 (360 Credit Hours)	8 (84 Credit Hours)	7 (39 Credit Hours)	
Master of Civil Engineering	Spring 2016	-			13 (41 Credit Hours)	

*Credit hours annual totals are fall and spring only, summer not included.

** Graduates are as of January, 2016.

New Program Information

Masters in Civil Engineering

KU Edwards is pleased to announce that the Master of Civil Engineering (MCE) degree, with an emphasis in Structural Engineering, will be offered beginning Spring semester 2016 at the Edwards Campus. Civil engineering professionals are actively defining the world of critical infrastructure and technology. Techniques are evolving in engineering so that master's level education is expected, because a bachelor's degree alone cannot sufficiently equip civil engineers with the expertise necessary to solve the pressing engineering challenges of the future. The Structural Engineering program at KU is one of the premier programs in this field in the US. The research and educational accomplishments of the program are widely admired and are highly relevant to the engineering sector in Johnson County, including three of the largest consulting firms in the country. The proposed program will provide students at the Edwards Campus with the full range of courses in Structural Engineering needed to obtain the Master of Civil Engineering – a course-only degree designed for practicing engineers.

Degree Program Updates

Enrollment information for each program is outlined in the previous chart

Bachelor of Business Administration

Dialogue continues with Olathe Public Schools and progress has been made on the Degree in 3. We are also working with Olathe Public Schools as they revise the Business/Finance strand of their 21st Century Program – Professional Career Academy, with which Degree in 3 is a natural complement. The BBA is again serving as a pilot, this time within the context of the Degree Partnership Program with Johnson County Community College. To that end, KU and JCCC faculty & staff are working together to develop a true seamless pathway of student engagement across both institutions. We continue to work with the Metropolitan Community Colleges in KCMO and Kansas City Kansas Community College, in particular with regard to the KU Core and the relevance of electives that broaden and enrich the academic experience.

Bachelor of Science in Information Technology

There are currently 50 students in the BSIT program. Recruitment efforts in the Olathe, Shawnee Mission, and Blue Valley school districts for the Degree-In-3 program have been met with great interest and participation. Articulation agreements and partnerships with Metropolitan Community Colleges in Kansas City, MO, and Kansas City Kansas Community College in Kansas City, KS are currently in the discussion stages.

Master of Engineering in Project Management and Master of Science in Project Management

First launched in Fall of 2013, the Project Management (PMGT) program continues to witness progress in enrollment and demand for project management coursework. As of the end of Fall 2015, 3 students have completed the entire course cycle and graduated from the PMGT program. With future graduates on the horizon for Spring of 2016, we are also seeing steady growth in new applicants both domestic and international. This past fall, an eight week course on project management was provided as a component course of the Professional Science Masters certificate and degree program. The PMGT program continues to pursue to elevate its merits through alignment with local and national organizations such as the Project Management Institute (PMI) through sponsorship of local chapter meetings and conferences, as well as seeking registered education provider (REP) status for project management coursework held at KU Edwards. Other upcoming projects continue to make PMGT an integral component of the KU Edwards landscape.

Professional Science Masters in Applied Science (Concentration in Environmental Assessment)

The Professional Science Masters in Environmental Assessment graduated two more students in fall 2015 with four more students planning to graduate in spring 2016. The program has 32 PSM students and 3 graduate certificate students. The program has already begun to receive applications for the fall 2016 semester for both the traditional PSM and Graduate Certificate. The program will be admitting its first student for the Accelerated PSM 4+1. Efforts are underway to expand the reach of the 4+1 by developing an external 4+1 for students in the Kansas City area. Recruitment efforts have consisted of tabling at conferences and other events, like the Annual Kansas Environmental Conference and the Biological Sciences Career Night. Lunch and learn events have been scheduled in both academic and professional settings such as Haskell, MidAmerica Nazarene, and the EPA. The program's student group has started to build a presence in the community and many students have taken on internships at companies such as Sprint for their capstone projects.

Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science

The faculty program coordinator and program advisor have been making visits to Johnson County Community College, Metropolitan Community College, and Kansas City Kansas Community College to promote the program. In addition, the Degree in 3 pathway with Olathe 21st Century and Blue Valley CAPS has been finalized and recruitment efforts are underway with the Degree in 3 initiative, including independent info sessions for high schoolers and their parents to attend. The program has expanded to offer 7 courses each semester and has modified the program electives to include courses exclusive to the Edwards Campus. Additional approved electives include those of the business minor in an effort to collaborate with the School of Business.

Master of Science in Education - Educational Technology

The educational technology program curriculum was revised and updated with five new courses that were reviewed by industry representatives and members of the Edwards Campus Workforce Development Advisory Board. A graduate certificate in Learning and Performance Technology was developed and pending approval, will launch in fall 2016 and requires twelve credit hours of course work.

Masters in Accounting

The Working Professional Masters in Accounting was designed for professionals who are working in accounting roles or for those seeking to move into an accounting function in their organization. The program is in its second year, and has doubled in size to 19 students. Students progress at their own pace, and some of the first group of students will begin graduating in 2016. Providing career services from the Business Career Services Center has been a focus for the program, as these students begin to look toward their next steps.

Bachelor of Applied Science in Biotechnology

From October 2015 to December 2015 the biotechnology program has pursued 3 major objectives. 1.) Expand the program's student pipeline from Johnson County. Efforts are ongoing to streamline the academic pathway from JCCC to the B.A.S. in Biotechnology program. Discussions have been focused on aligning the curriculum between the two institutions. 2.) Establish a robust network with the biotech industry and academic biotech labs. Over fifteen ties have been established with plans to expand this network considerably. 3.) Begin the recruiting process for the second biotechnology faculty member. Biotechnology encompasses a wide spectrum of scientific fields. The second faculty member will share the teaching load for the program and serve to expand the existing areas of expertise within the program.

Graduate Certificate in Workforce Communications

The new certificate program manager/lecturer, Dr. Angela Pastorek, started in July and taught the COMS 930: Applied Organizational Communication seminar (certificate course) this past semester with 13 students enrolled. She will be teaching the second required course (COMS 730: Speaking & Writing for Decision Makers) and has 15 students enrolled in the course. In addition to strong interest and enrollment numbers from current students in technical graduate programs across the Edwards campus, COMS has admitted 3 new (?) students to the graduate certificate and continues to receive inquiries regarding the program. The COMS department team continues to expand its enrollment outreach strategy for the new certificate. The COMS team also continues to work with its Alumni Board and the Edwards marketing team to target local professional organizations, delivering corporate lunch and learns, enhancing the program's social media presence and Edwards COMs webpage content, and leveraging the existing KU Edwards network of current students and program alumni.

Undergraduate Certificate in Accounting

This certificate will serve three student populations. It provides necessary prerequisites to those applying to the masters in accounting. It also serves as a stand-alone option for anyone, particularly small business owners and staff, who wish to improve their accounting skills. This certificate is of particular interest to our current BBA students and prospective Master of Accounting students who require accounting pre-requisite classes. Several students are in the pipeline at the community college to enter this program.

Master of Science in Applied Statistics and Analytics

The MS in Applied Statistics and Analytics program was successful in our first semester this past Fall 2015. Positive feedback was received from both students and faculty instructors. We have 5 students who remain in the program and are enrolled in Spring 2016 courses. We have 6 new students who have been admitted to the program for the Spring 2016 semester, bringing our total students up to 11. We are working with Brian Schneweis to further refine our recruiting efforts and anticipate steady growth of the program moving forward.

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BEST Faculty, Classroom, and Conference Center Activity

Months	KU Edwards Events	External Group Events	Academic Program Classes and Events	# of Attendees
January 2014	6	10	53	2118
February 2014	10	25	58	2897
March 2014	17	22	86	3368
April 2014	19	34	82	4016
May 2014	7	41	94	6004
June 2014	11	43	36	2966
July 2014	12	31	54	3367
August 2014	22	19	92	5495
September 2014	30	24	94	5732
October 2014	27	33	97	8647
November 2014	18	19	87	5879
December 2014	10	15	89	4902
January 2015	7	20	82	3201
February 2015	11	26	90	6342
March 2015	16	29	92	7043
April 2015	16	41	79	7404
May 2015	17	36	72	6241
June 2015	10	30	31	3007
July 2015	11	31	39	3454
August 2015	23	28	88	6209
September 2015	19	46	91	7253
October 2015	29	65	99	7927
November 2015	22	42	91	5739
December 2015	16	24	80	4130
Total	386	734	1856	123,341

JCERT Scholarship award summary

Johnson County Education & Research Triangle Scholarship This grant is specifically for students who are enrolled in and admitted to an undergraduate or graduate program at the Edwards Campus that is funded by the Johnson County Education and Research Triangle tax. Requirements include residence in Johnson County, enrollment in a Triangle-funded program at the Edwards Campus, a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and enrollment in a minimum of six hours at KU Edwards. Preference will be given to students with financial need. Completion of the FAFSA is required.

Academic Year Awarded	# of Students Awarded	Average Amount Awarded-Fall Semester	Average Amount Awarded-Spring Semester
2015-2016	20	\$1,500	\$1,500
2014-2015	20	\$1,500	\$1,500
2013-2014	24	\$1,500	\$1,500
2012-2013	27	\$1,500	\$1,500
2011-2012	22	\$3,000	\$3,000
2010-2011	7	\$2,000	\$2,000
Total students awarded	120		
Total amount awarded	\$355,000		

Applied Statistics Scholarship This scholarship is for students who currently live in Johnson County, Kan., and who are admitted to and enrolled in the online M.S. in Applied Statistics & Analytics degree. Students are eligible for a \$1,250 scholarship per semester if enrolled in six hours of coursework or a \$625 scholarship per semester if enrolled in three hours of coursework. It is a renewable scholarship and students must maintain a minimum cumulative KU grade point average of 3.0 within the program to receive it for subsequent terms. Completion of the FAFSA is required each year. Limited awards are available.

Academic Year Awarded	# of Students Awarded	Average Amount Awarded-Fall Semester	Average Amount Awarded-Spring Semester
2015-2016	7	\$1,160	\$1,160
Total number of students awarded	7		
Total amount awarded	\$16,250		

Excerpts from 2015-2016 JCERT scholarship recipient thank you letters:

“I am somewhat of a non-traditional student so at times finding the financial resources to further my education can be a challenge. This scholarship is instrumental in helping me continue my education and will directly contribute towards my goals for the future.” (BSIT student)

“I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in funding the JCERT Scholarship. I am very honored to be the recipient of this award. My goal is to complete my degree here at the University of Kansas and then assume the position as office manager of a medical office in the Kansas City area.” (BBA student)

“By awarding me the JCERT Scholarship, you are allowing me to focus on learning and you are easing some of the financial burden of my higher education. Your generosity brings me one step closer to my educational goals with KU and it inspires me to pay it forward.” (BBA student)

“Unfortunately, I’m not sure a letter can truly convey how thankful I am for being selected to receive this grant. Aside from being able to avoid taking more loans or less classes, the grant serves as a point of encouragement going into my final year at the KU Edwards campus.” (BSIT student)