

University of Kansas Edwards Campus

JCERT University Report

October 2015

JCERT Program Status

Degree	Date Launched	Enrollment 2013-14	*Enrollment 2014-15	Anticipated Enrollment 2015-16	Currently Enrolled Students Fall 2015	**Total Graduates
Bachelor of Business Administration	Fall 2010	150 (1908 Credit Hours)	175 (1821 Credit Hours)	200 (2455 Credit Hours)	120 (820 Credit Hours)	144
Bachelor of Science Information Technology	Spring 2012	25 (198 Credit Hours)	35 (363 Credit Hours)	40 (480 Credit Hours)	44 (324 Credit Hours)	2
Master of Science Project Management	Fall 2013	14 (94 Credit Hours)	15 (149 Credit Hours)	25 (150 Credit Hours)	16 (69 Credit Hours)	
Master of Engineering Project Management	Fall 2013	13 (95 Credit Hours)	15 (149 Credit Hours)	25 (150 Credit Hours)	25 (128 Credit Hours)	1
Professional Science Masters Environmental Assessment	Fall 2013 (full launch SP14)	7 (57 Credit Hours)	20 (117 Credit Hours)	30 (180 Credit Hours)	28 (143 Credit Hours)	1
Bachelor of Science Exercise Science	Spring 2014	2 (30 Credit Hours)	25 (263 Credit Hours)	35 (340 Credit Hours)	17 (210 Credit Hours)	
Master of Science Educational Technology	Spring 2014	4 (103 Credit Hours)	25 (159 Credit Hours)	35 (160 Credit Hours)	14 (138 Credit Hours)	3
Masters in Accounting	Fall 2014		10 (108 Credit Hours)	20 (250 Credit Hours)	19 (121 Credit Hours)	
Bachelor of Applied Science Biotechnology	Fall 2015	-	-	12 (276 Credit Hours)	0 (0 Credit Hours)	
Graduate Certificate in Professional Workplace Communication	Fall 2015	-	-	10 (120 Credit Hours)	0 (42 Credit Hours)	
Undergraduate Certificate in Accounting	Fall 2015	-	-	12 (144)	0 (36 Credit Hours)	
Master of Science in Applied Statistics and Analytics	Fall 2015	-	-	20 (360 Credit Hours)	8 (84 Credit Hours)	

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

** Graduates are as of August, 2015.

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 fall 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

In academic year 2014-2015, the Degree in 3 conversation spread from the KU Edwards Campus and Blue Valley School District to the Olathe Public Schools. Targeted marketing efforts are now being made across both districts as we enter 2015-2016. The BBA program has been piloted for the Kansas Board of Regents 2+2 initiative for all Kansas community colleges, which is in accordance with the University's Bold Aspirations strategic plan. Further partnership with the Metropolitan Community Colleges in Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City Kansas Community College in Kansas City, Kan., is being established through ongoing dialogue.

Bachelor of Science in Information Technology

The Bachelor of Science in Information Technology program completed its site visit from the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology at the end of September. Accreditors were on site at both Edwards and Lawrence campuses for three days examining facilities, resources, curriculum, and support for the BSIT program. The reviewers were very impressed with the high level of classroom technology and faculty support provided by the Edwards Campus. Results of the accreditation visit will be announced next year. This past year, the program graduated its first two students with four more graduates expected this fall. By the end of this academic year, the program expects to have graduated 14 students.

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

The project management program has continued to see growth, both in demand for credit classes as well as demand for project management programs through the continuing education department. This past spring, three sessions took place for Kansas City Water Services, during the summer a two-day course on project management was held twice for Shafer, Kline & Warren, and this fall an eight-week course on project management is being taught as part of the new science manager certification program. A new academic advisor, Jen Keleher-Price, has been hired, as well as one adjunct lecturer, Dale Crandall. In addition, two new project management electives were taught this summer and an additional three new electives are being taught this fall.

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

The Professional Science Masters in Environmental Assessment had its first graduate spring 2015, with two more meeting the early deadline to graduate fall 2015. The program has 28 students with its first graduate certificate students starting fall 2015. The program has already begun to receive applications for the spring 2016 semester for both the traditional PSM as well as the first potential 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 has been making visits to Johnson County 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. The Central States American College of Sports Medicine will be hosting its regional conference at KU Edwards in October. A second faculty member, Dr. Jordan Taylor, was hired to share the teaching load of the program and began in his new role in August. Dr. Taylor completed his doctorate in physical therapy and rehabilitation sciences in May from the University of Kansas Medical Center.

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 educational technology is being developed and will launch in fall 2016.

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

The lead faculty member, Dr. Randy Logan, has been hired and will report to the Edwards Campus in November. The first course, BTEC 300 Intro to Biotechnology, will be offered in spring 2016. The Degree in 3 plan has been reviewed by Blue Valley CAPS administrators, and pending the arrival of the Edwards faculty member, is set to launch in 2016. Outreach is also in progress with the Olathe and Shawnee Mission school districts. The advisor has met with JCCC Biotechnology faculty members and they are working on avenues to smooth the transition between the two schools, and also increase the KU Edwards program visibility among prospective transfer students.

Graduate Certificate in Workforce Communications

The new certificate program manager/lecturer, Dr. Angela Pastorek, started in July and is teaching the COMS 930 seminar (certificate course) this semester with 16 students enrolled. The COMS department team is also developing an enrollment outreach strategy for the new certificate. This strategy includes recruitment through targeted local professional organizations, delivering corporate lunch and learns,

enhancing the program's social media and Edwards COMs webpage presence, and leveraging the existing KU Edwards network of current students and program alumni. Plan implementation began this fall.

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 prerequisite classes. Several students are in the pipeline at the community college to enter this program.

Master of Science in Applied Statistics and Analytics

The new Master of Science in Applied Statistics and Analytics degree is offered in partnership with the Biostatistics Department at the KU Medical Center. The online program launched this fall and has 18 students. The degree is designed to provide graduates with experience working with and analyzing large datasets and will emphasize hands-on statistical computing in the context of statistical methods commonly applied in industry and government agencies. Coursework prepares graduates for careers in the rapidly growing fields of statistics, biostatistics, and data analytics.

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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
Total	300	557	1,495	98,292

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)