



# Reverse Transfer Report

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# What is Reverse Transfer?

The process of retroactively granting associate degrees from the most recently attended community college or technical college by combining the credits a student earns at that college and the credits they earn after transferring to a Kansas public university.





# KBOR Reverse Transfer Policy

## Board Policy Manual, Chapter III, Section A.3.

Reverse transfer is an important element of a seamless educational system. The state universities, community colleges, technical colleges, Washburn University and Washburn Institute of Technology shall work together, through the System Council of Presidents and System Council of Chief Academic Officers, to develop a process to assist students to complete coursework for and attain all certificates and degrees for which they are eligible.

The process and resulting agreements shall:

- a. Be consistent with state federal law, Board policies and applicable accreditation standards;
- b. Provide a mechanism for each student who is transferring credits from a community college or technical college to a university to participate in the reverse transfer process; ...including an opportunity for each eligible student to opt-in to the process, thereby permitting sharing of that student's FERPA protected information; and
- c. Provide guidelines for determining which transferring institution will award the credential if the student has transfer credits from more than one institution.



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**What is Reverse Transfer?**

Reverse Transfer is the process by which students who have earned an associate degree before they transfer to a four-year university can receive credit for the associate degree.

Within the first year, students are notified if they are eligible to be evaluated for degree credit. If eligible, students will be evaluated for degree credit.

**Why do Reverse Transfer?**

A college degree is key to economic success. Individuals with a bachelor's degree earn more than those with less. Associate degree holders earn more than high school graduates.

The associate degree represents academic accomplishments. It allows students to continue their education and earn a bachelor's degree.

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- [Board Policy Manual, Chapter 100](#)

**Reverse Transfer Procedures**

[Reverse Transfer Procedures](#) (updated 12/18/2024)

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# KBOR Procedure for Reverse Transfer

1  
Identify & Inform  
Eligible Students  
(Universities)

2  
Obtain Consent  
(Universities)

3  
Exchange  
Transcripts  
(Universities and Colleges)

4  
Evaluate for Degree  
Completion  
(Colleges)

5  
Award Associate  
Degrees  
(Colleges)



# Reverse Transfer Student Referrals

## AY 2020-AY 2024

Referring Institution	2020 Unduplicated	2021 Unduplicated	2022 Unduplicated	2023 Unduplicated	2024 Unduplicated	5 year Total
<b>State Universities</b>						
Emporia State University	^	^	^	^	^	15
Fort Hays State University	20	^	^	^	^	32
Kansas State University	31	35	27	19	43	155
Pittsburg State University	^	21	^	17	21	83
University of Kansas	98	71	75	66	56	366
Wichita State University	181	284	203	184	199	1,051
<b>State Universities Total</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>1,702</b>
<b>Municipal University</b>						
Washburn University	^	17	18	12	15	62
<b>Municipal University Total</b>	<b>^</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Institutions Total</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>1,764</b>

Source: KBOR KHEDS Academic Year Collection, Institutions

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# Reverse Transfer Associate Degrees Awarded Total By Year AY 2020-AY 2024

Comprehensive Total By Years 2020-2024	
2020	167
2021	215
2022	165
2023	132
2024	106
Public Institutions Total	785

Source: KBOR KHEDS Academic Year Collection, Institutions

Awards are counted by the completion year, which may not be in an opt-in year.

Students with associate degrees awarded before the student opted-in have been removed.

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# Reverse Transfer Associate Degrees Awarded AY 2020-AY 2024

Sector Name	Institution	Completions AY 2020-AY 2024
Municipal University	Washburn University	7
<b>Total</b>		<b>7</b>
Technical Colleges	Flint Hills Technical College	^
	Fort Hays Tech   North Central	^
	Fort Hays Tech   Northwest	^
	Manhattan Area Technical College	^
	Salina Area Technical College	^
	Washburn Tech	^
	WSU Tech	^
	<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>

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Sector Name	Institution	Completions AY 2020-AY 2024
Community Colleges	Allen Community College	32
	Barton Community College	16
	Butler Community College	348
	Cloud County Community College	18
	Coffeyville Community College	^
	Colby Community College	8
	Cowley Community College	35
	Dodge City Community College	^
	Fort Scott Community College	17
	Garden City Community College	9
	Highland Community College	8
	Hutchinson Community College	66
	Independence Community College	^
	Johnson County Community College	148
	Kansas City Kansas Community College	12
	Labette Community College	9
	Neosho County Community College	16
	Pratt Community College	11
	Seward County Community College	^
<b>Total</b>		<b>769</b>





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		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	5 Year Total	Highest Referring Institution
Community Colleges	Allen Community College	6	7	-	8	11	32	WSU
	Barton Community College	^	^	^	^	-	16	WSU
	Butler Community College	96	93	72	58	29	348	WSU
	Cloud County Community College	^	^	^	6	^	18	WSU
	Coffeyville Community College	-	^	-	-	^	^	PSU
	Colby Community College	^	-	^	-	^	8	WSU
	Cowley Community College	^	7	16	7	^	35	WSU
	Dodge City Community College	^	^	^	^	-	^	WSU
	Fort Scott Community College	^	6	^	^	^	17	PSU
	Garden City Community College	-	^	^	-	^	9	WSU
	Highland Community College	^	^	^	-	^	8	KSU
	Hutchinson Community College	15	27	7	10	7	66	WSU
	Independence Community College	-	-	^	^	-	^	WSU
	Johnson County Community College	17	40	38	24	29	148	KU
	Kansas City Kansas Community College	^	^	^	^	^	12	KU
	Labette Community College	^	^	^	^	^	9	KU
Technical Colleges	Neosho County Community College	^	^	^	^	6	16	WSU
	Pratt Community College	-	^	^	^	-	11	WSU
	Seward County Community College	^	-	-	^	^	^	WSU
		162	211	163	131	102	769	
	Flint Hills Technical College	-	-	-	-	-	^	
	Fort Hays Tech   North Central	-	-	-	-	-	^	WSU
	Fort Hays Tech   Northwest	-	-	-	-	-	^	Washburn
	Manhattan Area Technical College	-	-	-	-	-	^	WSU
	Salina Area Technical College	-	-	-	-	-	^	
	Washburn Tech	-	-	-	-	-	^	WSU
	WSU Tech	^	^	-	^	^	9	WSU
		^	^	^	^	^	9	



# Percentage of Reverse Transfer Awards compared to Referrals AY 2020-AY 2024

Sector Name	Institution	Awards to Referrals AY 2020-AY 2024
Municipal University	Washburn University	33%
Total		33%
Technical Colleges	Flint Hills Technical College	^
	Fort Hays Tech   North Central	^
	Fort Hays Tech   Northwest	^
	Manhattan Area Technical College	^
	Salina Area Technical College	^
	Washburn Tech	^
	WSU Tech	^
Total		2%

Source: KBOR KHEDS Academic Year Collection

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Sector Name	Institution	Awards to Referrals AY 2020-AY 2024
Community Colleges	Allen Community College	26%
	Barton Community College	28%
	Butler Community College	55%
	Cloud County Community College	42%
	Coffeyville Community College	44%
	Colby Community College	40%
	Cowley Community College	26%
	Dodge City Community College	9%
	Fort Scott Community College	44%
	Garden City Community College	23%
	Highland Community College	12%
	Hutchinson Community College	42%
	Independence Community College	8%
	Johnson County Community College	36%
	Kansas City Kansas Community College	19%
	Labette Community College	22%
	Neosho County Community College	45%
	Pratt Community College	32%
	Seward County Community College	15%
Total		38%



# Reverse Transfer Awards Referring Institution Percent Awarded AY 2020-AY 2024

Referring Institution	2020 Unduplicated Referrals	2021 Unduplicated Referrals	2022 Unduplicated Referrals	2023 Unduplicated Referrals	2024 Unduplicated Referrals	AY2020-AY2024 Average
Emporia State University	^	50%	40%	75%	67%	<b>58%</b>
Fort Hays State University	26%	57%	100%	50%	50%	<b>57%</b>
Kansas State University	44%	44%	52%	40%	26%	<b>41%</b>
Pittsburg State University	57%	30%	67%	47%	48%	<b>50%</b>
University of Kansas	38%	45%	40%	28%	15%	<b>33%</b>
Washburn University	^	39%	11%	33%	^	<b>28%</b>
Wichita State University	47%	36%	40%	32%	13%	<b>34%</b>

Source: KBOR KHEDS Academic Year Collection



# Reverse Transfer Referred Headcount AY 2023 and AY 2024

Institution Type	2023		2024	
	45 credit hours Total	Referred Headcount	45 credit hours Total	Referred Headcount
<b>State Universities</b>				
Emporia State University	1745	^	1591	^
Fort Hays State University	3165	^	3139	^
Kansas State University	7015	40	6838	41
Pittsburg State University	1621	26	1580	32
University of Kansas	5368	74	5394	63
Wichita State University	4549	403	4537	388
<b>State Universities Total</b>	<b>23463</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>24106</b>	<b>531</b>
<b>Municipal University</b>				
Washburn University	1544	11	1592	14
<b>Municipal University Total</b>	<b>1544</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1592</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Institutions Total</b>	<b>25,007</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>25,698</b>	<b>545</b>

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# Next Steps

- Update Reverse Transfer Institutional Contact (if needed)
- Review and share the Reverse Transfer Procedures at your institution
- Continue working with the National Student Clearinghouse on implementation for Reverse Transfer data exchange

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#### What is Reverse Transfer?

Reverse Transfer is the process of retroactively granting associate degrees to students who have not completed the requirements of an associate degree before they transferred from a Kansas community college or technical college to a Kansas public university.

Within the first year, students who transfer coursework from a community college or technical college to a public university will be notified if they are eligible to be considered for Reverse Transfer. Eligible students must have completed 60 credit hours at one or more public community colleges or technical colleges in Kansas and must consent to the release of their academic records. Academic records will be evaluated for degree completion and degrees will be conferred based upon a satisfactory evaluation.

#### Why do Reverse Transfer?

A college degree is key to economic opportunity. Research shows that on average, people with more education make more money than those with less. Associate degree holders average about \$200,000 more over a lifetime than individuals with some college but no degree, while bachelor's degree holders average over \$720,000 more.

The associate degree represents an educational achievement, a credential for career advancement, and a building block to additional academic accomplishments. Further, research shows that students who earn the associate degree via reverse transfer are more likely to continue their education and complete a bachelor's degree.

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#### Resources

- Systemwide Reverse Transfer Communication Plan is available [here](#) (pdf).
- Systemwide Reverse Transfer institutional contacts are available [here](#) (pdf).

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