1.3.2.4 Policy on Admission to KCTCS Colleges

Access to postsecondary education is a major goal of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. It is reflected in the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) strategic plan, 2020 Vision, in the mission of KCTCS established by the Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997, and in the KCTCS strategic plan.

CPE clearly articulated a call for change in 2020 Vision: “Low participation in postsecondary education and below national average per capital income creates a vicious cycle that needs to be broken.” 2020 Vision foresees “an integrated system of elementary and secondary schools and providers of postsecondary education, committed to meeting the needs of students and the Commonwealth, and acclaimed for excellence, innovation, collaboration, and responsiveness.” KCTCS responsiveness to this call for change is reflected in its vision of creating a comprehensive community and technical college system recognized as the nation’s best. One of the core values undergirding the KCTCS vision is “open access with responsive delivery.”

To this end, the KCTCS Board of Regents strongly supports CPE admission guidelines established in keeping with the charge of 2020 Vision. As the chief executive officer of KCTCS, the President is authorized to work with the KCTCS leadership, staff, and appropriate faculty groups to promulgate admission procedures to implement the CPE admission guidelines, thereby ensuring access to postsecondary education, the key to prosperity and lifelong learning for all Kentuckians.