

KCTCS INVOLVEMENT IN TEACHER EDUCATION

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Discussion

Kentucky's shortage of classroom teachers demands creative solutions. The Kentucky Community and Technical College System is eager to help address the problem. One of the ideas being jointly explored by officials at the KCTCS and the four-year institutions and others is the creation of an associate degree in teaching. Graduates of this two-year program would earn a credential allowing them immediately to assist licensed teachers in the classroom. They also would be able to transfer all earned credits into a four-year licensure program. Part of the program would be early identification of potential teachers among high school students and their recruitment to the profession through dual credit opportunities in the associate degree in teaching program.

Dr. Carolyn O'Daniel, Executive Director of Academic Affairs at the KCTCS, and Dr. Karen Adams, Dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences at Western Kentucky University, will be present to discuss this idea.

