



MEMORANDUM

TO: Community College and Technical College Presidents
Community College and Technical College Academic Leaders
Community College and Technical College Advisors

FROM: Dick Merriman, ^{DM} President, Southwestern College

SUBJECT: Transfer-friendly policies of Southwestern College

DATE: November 9, 2011

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Focus on transfer of credit. As you know, there is great deal of discussion today about the need to remove obstacles to the transfer of credit so students may progress more easily toward their college degree goals. I'm writing to communicate to you and your colleagues that Southwestern College is a transfer-friendly private college in Kansas that affirms the good work you have done with the students you send us.

Residential campus general education waiver. For students who wish to transfer to our residential campus in Winfield (generally, traditional-age students) and who have earned an AA or AS degree, Southwestern will waive all general education requirements but one, a capstone course. The college provides generous financial aid for transfer students, with grant awards for academic attainment, athletics, the performing arts, and college activities (e.g., our Green Team). If you are aware of students who want to earn their four-year degree, please encourage their advisors or the students to contact Ms. Leslie Grant, our residential campus transfer coordinator, at 620-229-6236 or leslie.grant@sckans.edu. I have enclosed a brief statement of this general education waiver policy and ask that you share it with appropriate academic advisors and others on your campus.

Also enclosed is a brochure that describes Southwestern College's residential campus program, the majors and degrees we offer, and our financial aid opportunities. Please contact Leslie Grant if you would like additional copies of this brochure or other information about our residential campus.

Southwestern College Professional Studies for adult learners. Professional Studies is Southwestern's program that serves adult learners who want to earn undergraduate and graduate degrees. We offer on ground instruction at two Professional Studies centers in Wichita and at McConnell Air Force Base and Fort Riley. We serve adult learners in the Oklahoma City area at a center in Midwest City. We also offer many undergraduate and graduate degree programs completely online. The enclosed sheet lists these degree programs and describes the accelerated six-week format of most Professional Studies courses.

The Professional Studies program works flexibly and skillfully with adults who present a combination of prior learning experience, military or other employment training, test results, and college credits. We can show your adult learners a path to completing a bachelor's or master's degree. Interested adult students should contact Ms. Heather Kesterson, admission director for Professional Studies. Contact info: 316-684-5335, Ext. 220 or heather.kesterson@sckans.edu.

If you would like additional copies of the enclosed sheet or complete packets of Professional Studies information to share with your students, please contact Heather Kesterson.

Partnerships. We are always interested in seeking mutually beneficial relationships with educational partners. If there is a specific articulation agreement or cooperative arrangement – with our residential campus program or our Professional Studies program or both – that will help to further your aims, please contact me at 620-229-6223 or dick.merriman@sckans.edu and we'll start the conversation.

Thanks.

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WAIVER OF GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

For students who wish to study on the residential campus of Southwestern College (generally, but not exclusively, traditional-age students studying full time), and who have completed an associate of arts degree or associate of science degree, Southwestern College will waive all general education requirements except a three-credit capstone course. The general education curriculum consists of 33 hours of course work.