

The University of Kentucky Center for Excellence in Rural Health-Hazard and the Hazard Community & Technical College share a joint responsibility for increased access to higher education for all Kentuckians.



The five-year project will develop a health careers pipeline for community college students in southeastern Kentucky, a region with historically low educational levels. “The Bridges project is a wonderful opportunity for community college students from this area to be exposed to careers in health care,” said Dr. Baretta R. Casey, director of the UK Center for Excellence in Rural Health-Hazard, which houses a bachelor’s degree program in clinical leadership and management, as well as advanced programs in social work and physical therapy. “We will closely monitor selected students in order to make their transition from community college to a four-year institution a smooth one. It is our hope that the project will help to alleviate future shortages of health care professionals in our region.”

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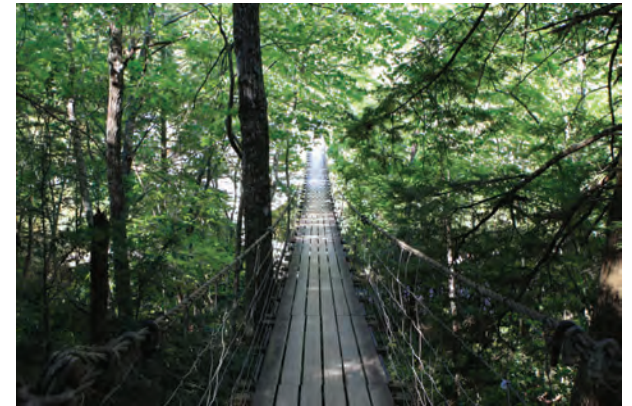
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Bridges Scholars Program

The University of Kentucky Center for Excellence in Rural Health–Hazard (UKCERH) and Hazard Community & Technical College (HCTC) have partnered on a project that is intended to increase the number of local students who pursue a bachelor's degree in a health-related field. Program components will include career counseling, student research experiences and academic enrichment strategies.



Bridges Scholars will participate in an exciting new program funded by the National Institute of Health and delivered here in Hazard. This program is designed to support talented local students interested in the biomedical and behavioral sciences as they transition from community college to their baccalaureate program. Our hope is to cultivate students with an interest in improving their community, so that when they complete their education they will bring back their skills and knowledge to their respective communities.

Eligibility and Application Process

Mission

To achieve the overall goal of increasing transfer of Appalachian community and technical college students to 4-year institutions.

Eligibility

Full-time students who have completed at least 12 hours at HCTC with a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Application Process

If you have an interest in being a part of this program, please complete the attached application and forward your transcript to Ellen Napier at UK Center for Excellence in Rural Health-Hazard, 750 Morton Boulevard, Hazard, KY 41701 or you may email her at ellen.napier@uky.edu

To download an application:
www.mc.uky.edu/ruralhealth

**Spring 2010
Applications due by
December 9, 2009**

The Appalachian Kentucky Bridges to Success Program is limited to 20 participants per year. Students will be notified of their acceptance by December 23, 2009.

Professional Development Workshops and Much More!

Important Information

We hope to provide each Bridges Scholar with the supportive services and academic skills that will allow each student to be successful in his or her chosen specialty. To achieve this goal, we will provide the following:

- Mentoring by local professionals (e.g. physicians, researchers, psychologists, physical therapists, and pharmacists,) to provide exposure and guidance in career decision making.
- Full financial support for you to attend scientific conferences to broaden your introduction into your field of interest. This type of networking will allow you to develop critical contacts within your selected professional community.
- Classes and workshops to provide you with the knowledge and skills to share with like-minded professionals.

Of course the application of this knowledge is also critical, so a central focus for our program is to introduce you to research activities. These research activities will be funded through a university student stipend, so that each participant has the opportunity to develop skills critical to the biomedical and behavioral professions while earning money to supplement his or her income.

