

DirectLink Quick Facts:

- Goal is to work with first semester freshmen at the community colleges.
 - Students should have no more than 25 hours completed
 - No cost to the student or community college
- Pilot group of 8 K-State majors:
 - Accounting-Manhattan campus
 - Agricultural Education-Manhattan campus
 - Athletic Training-Manhattan campus
 - Civil Engineering-Manhattan campus
 - Early Childhood Education-Manhattan and Global campuses
 - Elementary Education-Manhattan and Global campuses
 - Mechanical Engineering-Manhattan campus
 - Nutrition and Health-Manhattan and Global campuses
- Students will receive dual advising with community college and K-State advisor
 - Students can apply for the program at global.k-state.edu/directlink
 - Once applied the DirectLink Coordinator will pair the student, community college advisor, and K-State advisor
 - Goal will be to develop a plan for the student that helps them complete Associate and Bachelor's degree
 - Consistent communication will be initiated by the DirectLink coordinator to ensure each party is updated on changes
- Benefits to students
 - Shorten time to graduation
 - Efficiency and accuracy of selecting applicable transfer courses
 - Scholarship money from some departments (Engineering and Education)
 - Access to K-State resources (Career Center, Pre-Health Advising (from Human Ecology), access to Career Development program (from College of Business), summer research opportunities, shadowing experiences, specific departmental activities)
 - Waive K-State application fee
 - Customized campus visits led by a transfer ambassador
 - Others that are still being finalized (early enrollment, DirectLink day on campus, tickets to K-State athletic events, etc)
- Requirements for participation
 - Accounting
 - Completion of College Algebra or a higher level math
 - 3.5 GPA in Accounting courses
 - Maintain a 3.0 overall GPA
 - Ag Education
 - 3.0 GPA on all Agriculture classes
 - Maintain a 2.75 overall GPA
 - Athletic Training
 - Completion of 75 observation hours under an athletic trainer (done prior to coming to K-State)
 - Maintain a 3.0 overall GPA

- Early Childhood Education
 - Maintain a 2.75 overall GPA
 - Complete equivalents to English Composition 1 and 2, Public Speaking, College Algebra, and Introductory Statistics with a grade of C or higher (done prior to coming to K-State)
 - Complete equivalents to Human Development/Developmental Psych (HDFS 110), Early Childhood (ECED 310), and observation/practicum (ECED 313) with a grade of C or higher (done prior to coming to K-State)
 - Take the Basic skills test (if ACT is below a 22). Contact your advisor for test information. (done prior to coming to K-State)
- Elementary Education
 - Maintain a 2.75 overall GPA
 - Complete equivalents to English Composition 1 and 2, Public Speaking, College Algebra, and Introductory Statistics with a grade of C or higher (done prior to coming to K-State)
 - Take the Basic skills test (if ACT is below a 22). Contact your College of Education advisor for test information. (done prior to coming to K-State)
 - Complete Early Field Experience: This experience should be completed in the Intro to Teaching or Field Experience/Practicum courses at each community college. K-State requires 40 hours of experience. (done prior to coming to K-State)
- Civil and Mechanical Engineering
 - Maintain a 3.4 overall GPA
 - B or better in Calculus 1
- Nutrition and Health
 - Maintain a 3.0 overall GPA