



# Kentucky's Transfer Success Statewide Strategy

For every 500 Kentucky students who enroll in a transfer pathway at a community college, only 63 will complete a bachelor's degree within four years of transferring.

A seamless transfer experience is critical for affordability and student success. However, gaps exist. True improvement hinges upon removing major barriers of policy and process that prevent completion, especially among students who are first generation, low-income, working parents, veterans and students of color.

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) has made transfer a priority in its state strategic agenda for postsecondary education. To aid in this effort, the National Association of System Heads (NASH) and the Kentucky Student Success Collaborative (KYSSC) serve as foundational resources for CPE as we seek to make progress on the strategic objectives and priorities with a clear-eyed focus on operationalizing our commitment to equity.

The statewide transfer strategy, launched in February 2023, outlined priorities and recommendations to serve as long-term guideposts for statewide transfer improvement efforts.

- \* We will center students' needs above all else in the pursuit of scalable improvements in transfer, credit mobility, and recognition of learning across Kentucky.
- \* We will prioritize efforts related to strengthening institutional collaboration in service to better and more equitable outcomes for students who attend multiple institutions, and who acquire learning in a variety of settings, on their way to a credential.
- \* We will focus on removing obstacles to seamless transfer and credit mobility for Kentuckians, and our efforts will be aimed at maximizing the applicability of credits toward students' programs of study.



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# Priority Recommendations

## Objective 1:

**We will center students' needs above all else in the pursuit of scalable improvements in transfer, credit mobility, and recognition of learning across Kentucky.**

1. Commission student voice research on transfer experience, student needs and barriers to inform transfer priorities.
2. Develop public facing data dashboard to track progress on efforts.

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## Objective 2:

**We will prioritize efforts related to strengthening institutional collaboration in service to better and more equitable outcomes for students who attend multiple institutions, and who acquire learning in a variety of settings, on their way to a credential.**

1. Identify priority areas for professional development for staff and faculty to improve transfer success.
2. Scale Network Improvement Communities (NIC) between high-volume transfer partners.
3. Provide microgrants to support tests of change and innovation among campus partners engaged in continuous improvement partnership development.

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## Objective 3:

**We will focus on removing obstacles to seamless transfer and credit mobility for Kentuckians, and our efforts will be aimed at maximizing the applicability of credits toward students' programs of study.**

1. Develop and execute a research agenda to better understand student transfer patterns and identify barriers to seamless transfer and recognition of learning.
2. Convene a workgroup of CPE and campus stakeholders focused on the seamless applicability and modality of credits to program pathways including dual credit and credit for prior learning/credit by exam, with a special focus on the transferability of credit for prior learning.
3. Explore use of promising technologies, including machine learning and artificial intelligence, to improve equitable credit evaluation and curricular transparency.

# Learn About Our Efforts

In partnership with Kentucky stakeholders, the KYSSC has continued the work from strategic planning to strategy implementation. Opportunities to learn about and engage in the statewide work to improve transfer pathways and success include:



## ► Read the Research

Learn about Kentucky's statewide strategy to improve transfer success and bachelor's degree completion by reading the full report released in February 2023.



## ► View Results

Learn about the success of Network Improvement Communities leveraging improvement science to improve process and partnerships for transfer students.

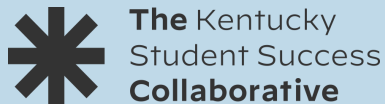


## ► Find Resources

Check out specific transfer resources on the Impact exChange – Kentucky's knowledge and resource hub for student success.



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