

Electronic Transcript Exchange Comes to UK

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LEXINGTON, Ky. (June 12, 2008) – Students transferring to the University of Kentucky will no longer have to send their transcripts through the mail, thanks to a new transcript service recently adopted by the [Office of the Registrar](http://news.uky.edu/news/Registrar) [http://news.uky.edu/news/Registrar].

For the past several months, UK has been participating in a statewide pilot under an agreement with the [National Student Clearinghouse \(NSC\)](http://news.uky.edu/news/) [http://news.uky.edu/news/] that allows a quick, paperless exchange of transcripts between universities.

“When students need a transcript, they want it to arrive at its destination immediately,” said Jacquie Hager, associate registrar. “With this service, it can happen.”

UK and the [Bluegrass Community and Technical College \(BCTC\)](http://news.uky.edu/news/) [http://news.uky.edu/news/] are currently the only participants in a statewide initiative, but increased interest in the program is spreading across the state to public and private institutions.

“The next step is that we will continue to expand the exchange with other [Kentucky Community and Technical College \(KCTCS\)](http://news.uky.edu/news/) [http://news.uky.edu/news/] schools and with other Kentucky public and private universities,” said Hager.

Officials say that online transcripts will enhance the progress of the [‘Go Higher Kentucky’](http://news.uky.edu/news/) [http://news.uky.edu/news/] initiative by encouraging Kentuckians to seek four-year degrees. Online transcripts will make the transfer from KCTCS schools to UK more efficient and secure.

“The electronic transcript project between the National Student Clearinghouse and UK represents a true partnership for enhanced student service and efficiency,” said Don Witt, assistant provost for enrollment management. “By using the e-transcript process, UK, BCTC, and other participating KCTCS institutions across the state will benefit.”

While officials acknowledge a paperless system will also save time and money in the wake of recent budget cuts, they say students are the key reason for adopting the program.

“The main benefit of this project is absolutely one of better service to our students,” said Hager.