

# The Leading Edge

a newsletter for k-state distance students

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## Non-Traditional Student Services



### Spotlight on Student Services

#### Non-Traditional Student Services

The Office of Non-Traditional Student Services (NTSS) assists both on-campus and distance education students, providing support and advocacy for students before, during, and after their admission to K-State.

New NTSS director Suzanne Lueker, who was appointed in September 2008, understands the unique set of challenges that busy adult students face as they manage the many elements of their lives.

"Non-traditional students face challenges that their traditional counterparts do not face," said Lueker. "They have the task of balancing family, career, and education."

NTSS staff members can help distance students find balance by providing information and referrals in areas like admission, scholarships, childcare, housing, tutoring, refresher and study skills courses, health insurance, community programs, and other student issues and concerns.

"We're here to provide accessibility to resources and information for all K-State students," Lueker said.

The NTSS website provides distance students with many valuable resources, including information on scholarships specifically offered to non-traditional students, financial aid, tips for selecting childcare programs, and answers to frequently asked questions.

Learn more about what NTSS can offer you by visiting the website at:  
[www.k-state.edu/nontrad](http://www.k-state.edu/nontrad).

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**Highlights and recognition****Meet the Interim Provost**

Ruth Dyer  
Interim Provost  
Kansas State University



Dr. Ruth Dyer, Associate Provost and Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, has been appointed Interim Provost at Kansas State University.

As Interim Provost, Dr. Dyer serves as the chief academic officer, a member of the executive administration, and a member of the President's cabinet. She is a representative of the President and serves during the President's absence.

Dr. Dyer served as Assistant Provost since 2000 and Associate Provost since 2004. There, she oversaw K-State's offices of planning and analysis, assessment, and summer school. She coordinated the university's mentoring program for women and minorities in science and engineering as well as academic initiatives with the Kansas Board of Regents.

Read more about Dr. Dyer's Interim Provost appointment at [www.k-state.edu/media/newsreleases/jun09/interim61009.html](http://www.k-state.edu/media/newsreleases/jun09/interim61009.html).

**New Distance Programs**

New Programs Offered in Fall 2009  
Division of Continuing Education  
Kansas State University



Kansas State University's Division of Continuing Education is offering five new distance education programs beginning in the Fall 2009 term.

We are excited to announce K-State's first online Ph.D. program as well as a new bachelor's completion program, master's program, and two graduate certificate programs:

- Bachelor's degree in Family Studies and Human Services
- Master's degree in Operations Research
- Graduate certificate in the Management of Animal Health Related Organizations
- Graduate certificate in Horticultural Therapy
- Ph.D. program in Personal Financial Planning

To learn more about these and other programs, visit the Division's program listings at [www.dce.k-state.edu](http://www.dce.k-state.edu).

**Web Feature**

Social Media Survey  
Division of Continuing Education  
Kansas State University



Want to:

- Find out what's happening at K-State in 140 characters or less?
- Stay connected with your fellow Wildcats?
- Contribute to the conversation?

K-State offices like Media Relations, Athletics, and the Alumni Center have developed communities on social networking sites to help students stay informed and connected.

The Division of Continuing Education wants to bring that connection to you, the K-State distance student.

We want to hear from you!

Let us know which social networking sites you use most, what you like about them, and the kind of K-State distance education community you would be interested in joining.

Tell us what you think by taking this quick K-State distance education [Social Media Survey](#).

**Announcements and upcoming dates****Need Help Desk assistance?**

View the Summer 2009 Help Desk hours at:  
<http://www.dce.k-state.edu/about/news/2009/docs/summer-help-desk.pdf>

**Squeeze in one last summer class!**

Take a three-week online class during August Intersession:  
[www.dce.k-state.edu/courses/intersession](http://www.dce.k-state.edu/courses/intersession)

**Enroll now for Fall 2009!**

Search for available classes at:  
[www.dce.k-state.edu/courses](http://www.dce.k-state.edu/courses)

**Get a head start on scholarship applications!**

View application details for the Spring 2010 O'Bannon scholarship, due November 6:  
[www.dce.k-state.edu/students/services/obannon](http://www.dce.k-state.edu/students/services/obannon)

**\*\*Please note\*\***

K-State Online was unavailable on July 18 due to a system upgrade.

K-State Online Version 9.0 provides improved efficiency and load time of Course Content and the Message Board, a complete redesign of Course Content, a simplified method for granting assignment extensions, and much more.

For the complete list of new features, improvements, and updates, visit the "What's New in K-State Online 9.0" website at [http://public.online.ksu.edu/release\\_notes/ksol9/](http://public.online.ksu.edu/release_notes/ksol9/).

\* Summer term ends: August 14  
\* August Intersession: August 3-21

\* Fall 2009 term begins: August 24  
\* Labor Day (no classes): September 7