

KPACE

Kirkwood's Pathways for Academic Career Education and Employment

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KPACE provides academic, personal and financial supports to individuals who are currently earning a wage lower than a livable wage for their family. Kirkwood offers short-term and long-term training to prepare individuals to work in a middle-skill industry that is experiencing a shortage in the current Iowa workforce.

KPACE allows individuals the opportunity to seek training based on their developmental needs, career goals, and personal situations. KPACE assistance has been successful in alleviating student and life stressors that can cause barriers to student success.

Unique to this Kirkwood award, students will be connected with a Pathway Navigator who offers guidance and support from the beginning to the end of their educational and career pathway. KPACE financial assistance is available for a maximum of six consecutive semesters.

Referrals are accepted on an ongoing basis from community agencies, and Kirkwood counselors, instructors and staff. Students must apply and be accepted into the program.