Computer/Digital Literacy Requirement for 2012-13

All students earning diplomas and AA, AS, AAS, and AFA degrees from KCTCS must demonstrate "digital literacy" (formerly referred to as "computer literacy"). In April the KCTCS Senate Council approved changes to the Digital Literacy Requirement that are effective fall, 2012. The definition of digital literacy is now:

> Computer literacy, also referred to as digital literacy, is a topic both broad in its scope and deep in its detail. As a consequence of this, KCTCS has adopted current Internet and Computing Core Certification (IC3) objectives to define digital literacy, emphasizing in particular the three identified, broad categories of Computing Fundamentals, Key Applications, and Living On-line. A complete listing of the IC[3] objectives may be found at
> http://www.certiport.com/Portal/desktopdefault.aspx?page=common/pagelibrary/IC3_Certifications.html

Computer/Digital Literacy may be demonstrated by:

a) Scoring a minimum of 75% composite score on the Certiport FastTrack computer literacy exam[1], or
b) Achieving the full IC[3] certification[2], or
c) Articulating credit from another institution which has demonstrated compliance with the above course criteria as identified by the registrar of the receiving college in cooperation with the digital literacy faculty of the receiving college, or
d) Receiving credit for an approved KCTCS digital literacy course[3], or
e) Providing documentation of successful completion of other certification exams as approved by KCTCS.

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[1] All Barnes and Noble bookstores sell vouchers for the IC3 FastTrack exam ($19.95). The voucher must be purchased prior to scheduling a time to take the exam at a campus testing center. BCTC operates an Assessment and Testing Center on the Leestown campus. For more information: http://legacy.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/workforce/assessmentandtesting.php.

To schedule a time to take the IC[3] FastTrack exam call:

Workforce Assessment & Testing: 859-246-6669 (or)
Sandra Muncy, Assessment/Testing Assistant: 859-246-6613

Note: Passing the IC[3] Fast Track exam (75% or higher) will satisfy the KCTCS Computer/Digital Literacy requirement but does not result in credit for any academic course and does not earn the IC[3] certification.

[2] Students can continue to take the full IC3 exam (administered in three parts) to satisfy the Computer/Digital Literacy requirement. An updated version of the full IC[3] exam will be available by the end of September, 2012. This updated version reflects recent technology changes and includes database questions.

In the past, students have been able to fulfill their Computer/Literacy requirement AND earn course credit for CIS 100 by successfully earning the IC^3 certification and taking a KCTCS Database exam. Due to recent CIT/IT/CIS curriculum consolidation, CIS 100 will be deactivated by the end of the 2012-13 academic year. <u>While CIS 100 is still offered</u>, students can continue to take the three parts of the old IC^3 exam plus the Database exam to receive credit for CIS 100. Once the new IC^3 exam is available (which includes database questions), students can take the updated IC^3 exam to earn credit for CIS 100.

[3] The following list of currently-approved KCTCS computer literacy courses will be retained through summer 2013. This will allow curriculum committees time to review courses based upon the new IC^3 standard and reapply for digital literacy status. Courses that fail to meet the new standards or are not resubmitted will be removed from the approved list.

CIS 100	Intro to Computers
CIT 105	Introduction to Computers*
IT 100	Computer Literacy (valid only for diplomas)
OST 105	Introduction to Information Systems

Note: *IMD 100 will satisfy the computer literacy requirement for BCTC credentials for the 2012-13 academic year.*

* A Special Exam for Credit (SEC) for CIT 105 is given at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters for students who believe they already have the competencies and skills to test out of this class. The cost of the SEC is approximately $50. For more information and to register for special exams, go to http://www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/csis/cit/sec_info/