

## 250,000 KCSE candidates set to join universities, colleges following KUCCPS selection



*Education Cabinet Secretary, Prof George Magoha is welcomed to Eastleigh High School on June 25, 2022 when he released the 2022|2023 placement results. At right, is Dr Mercy Wahome, Chief Executive Officer, KUCCPS*

A total of 250,052 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) Examination qualifiers have been placed to various universities, Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) institutions and Teacher Training Colleges (TTCs) ahead of the commencement of the 2022/2023 academic year.

They were placed after a successful application process through the Kenya Colleges and Universities Placement Service (KUCCPS).

Speaking while releasing the placement results, Education Cabinet Secretary Prof George Magoha said 90% of the 2021 KCSE Examination applicants with a mean grade of C+ (plus) and above were placed to degree and TVET institutions.

"Of the 144,466 Kenyan citizen candidates who qualified for degree programmes, 123,963 (85.8%) were placed to universities," he said.

Of those who qualified for degrees, 5,278 were placed to TVET institutions by choice, Prof Magoha said. He noted that 16,310 candidates qualified to undertake degree programmes did not submit applications meaning they could have opted to pursue other opport-

unities pursuing of studies abroad.

On the TVET applications, 124,258 of them were placed in TVET institutions, Prof Magoha said.

For the first time, Prof Magoha said, KUCCPS placed applicants for admission to the 32 public diploma primary teacher training colleges.

A total of 1,538 applicants were placed to study the diploma programme in Primary Teacher Education, and Diploma in Early Childhood Teacher Education.

At the same time, KUCCPS placed 293 to three colleges offering Diploma in Secondary Teacher Education, namely, Kagumo, Kibabii and Lugari TTCs.

After the release of the 2021 KCSE Examination results in April, KUCCPS opened its portal three times to enable the students make new applications or revise their previous choices.

The KUCCPS portal will beginning July, 1 2022 be opened again for 2022 KCSE Examination candidates to choose courses they wish to pursue in universities, TTCs and TVET institutions as focus now turns to the 2022 Form Four candidates who will be sitting their national examination later this year.

## 1,500 high school students attend KU Career Week

Over 15,000 students from various high schools in Kenya attended the Kenyatta University 2022 Career Week.

Addressing participants Postbank Managing Director Raphael Mingisian Lekool encouraged students to be innovative in their endeavours.

Mr Lekool who was the guest speaker said the future will be built on creativity and technology. With artificial intelligence taking over routine tasks, he said, there will be immense opportunities for people who will be able to combine technical and social skills that will remain resilient to the future of automation.

Kenyatta University Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof Waceke Wanjohi observed that this year's objective was to expose students and the university community to the importance of technology in the society.

Kenya University and Colleges Central Placement Service's Placement Manager Nancy Soila explained the mandate of the placement agency and the course application process.

Ms Soila also informed students that inter-institution transfers were now being carried out through KUCCPS since other stakeholders such as University Fund Board (UFB), Technical and Vocational Education Training Authority (TVETA) and Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) relied on the information provided by the agency.

## KUCCPS tips 50 teachers on course selection



Career masters from 50 public secondary schools in Mombasa had an opportunity to interact with KUCCPS during a one-day induction event organised by the Kenya Secondary School Heads Association (KESSHA).

During the event, KUCCPS took participants through its mandate, service and role of career teachers.

Also discussed was the various subject clusters associated with different careers, minimum requirements for various careers, cut of points, and the placement process.

Career masters are responsible for mentoring students in secondary schools.

Most high school students are often faced with the challenge of inadequate career information to share with students.

Such students require constant sensitisation and provision of up to date information about careers. The workshop was held on 10th February, 2022.

## KUCCPS illuminates International Health Workforce Conference in Mombasa over candidates placement



*KUCCPS officer conversing with a delegate at the International Health Workforce Conference in Mombasa between February 7-9, 2022*

The Kenya Colleges and Universities Placement Service (KUCCPS) was one of the participating institutions at the 2022 International Health Workforce Conference that aimed at harmonising curriculum and training of health professionals. By participating in various panel discussions, KUCCPS enlightened participants on the role that it plays in placing students in health-related courses and ensuring they enjoy government sponsorship while pursuing these courses.

KUCCPS also presented an overall placement report as well as health programmes placement reports for the past year.

Jointly organised by the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education, the event that took place in Mombasa was officially launched by President Uhuru Kenyatta and attended by delegates from more than 29 countries. The three-day conference started on February 7, 2022 in Mombasa.

# How KUCCPS has impacted on students' career dreams

***It is the dream of every student to pursue a successful career of choice. Many students get to be placed to universities and colleges to pursue their childhood dreams under government sponsorship. However, for some reasons, others are placed to pursue courses they never intended to. We spoke with a few students on how the KUCCPS' placement turned out as they pursue their career journeys.***

**Titus Lagat, Bachelor of Education Arts, Mount Kenya University**



*"I have always wanted to be a teacher, but not just a teacher but a principal of a national school. KUCCPS has enabled me to achieve this childhood dream. I come from a humble background, and I'm happy that I receive government sponsorship to cater for my fees. Thank you KUCCPS."*

**Sonia Splendor, BSc in Economics and Statistics, Mount Kenya University**



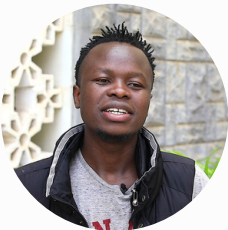
*"I like the career placement that KUCCPS made for me. I wanted to be an electrician just because I liked physics as a subject. After being placed to pursue Economics and Statistics, I came to realise that this is the best course for me since I am good at mathematics and business. I urge those who get placed to courses different from their initial plans to accept and take up the opportunity to learn something different, since KUCCPS places students as per their potential."*

**Vanessa Muirudi, BSc in Communication and Multimedia Journalism, Riara University**



*"Being placed as a government-sponsored student in a private university gave me the privilege of enjoying subsidized fee, because I pay almost half what the rest of the students pay. I count myself lucky. Asante KUCCPS."*

**Andrew Wasan, BSc in Computer Science, Riara University**



*"When I was young, one of my dreams was to study in a private university where there's less population and competition for resources. KUCCPS made this aspiration come true for me by placing me at Riara University, where I even benefit from Government subsidy on school fees. I have access to resources such as the robotic lab where I spend most of my time. KUCCPS has been of great impact to me."*

**Mercy Mutai, BA in Linguistic Media and Communication graduate, Rongo University**



*"Communications was my first career choice and am grateful to KUCCPS for giving me the opportunity to pursue this course. My parents could not have raised all the fees. As a government-sponsored student, I received a tremendous subsidy of my fees, unlike other private sponsored students. I was also able to access the HELB loan which made my stay in college very easy and flawless."*

**Harun Thoya, BA in Mass Media and Communication, Mount Kenya University**



*"I would like to thank KUCCPS for giving me the chance to pursue journalism and mass communication at MKU because at first I was placed to pursue international relations in another university. But I later applied for a transfer and I was granted through KUCCPS. I am very proud for this."*

# Good news as KUCCPS places maiden students to Teacher Training Colleges under state sponsorship

The Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS) has placed students to the 32-government primary teacher training colleges this year. Education Cabinet Secretary Prof George Magoha praised KUCCPS for successfully placing the first cohort to the institutions to train under the Competency Based Curriculum.

In the 2022/2023 Placement Cycle, a total of 1,538 have been placed in Diploma in Primary Teacher Education and Diploma in Early Childhood Teacher Education.

He was speaking while announcing placement results at Eastleigh High School on June 25, 2022.

Those placed to TTCs are candidates who sat the KCSE between the years 2000 and 2021 and scored C (plain), including non-citizens. The candidates had an opportunity to apply for placement between May 20, 2022 to June 2, 2022 on the KUCCPS portal.

The mandate to recruit students to public teacher training colleges was transferred to KUCCPS last year, a role that was previously undertaken by the Ministry of Education.

This year, KUCCPS placed 293 to three colleges offering Diploma in Secondary Teacher Education to deliver the CBC curriculum. The colleges include Kagumo, Kibabii and Lugari TTCs.

In preparations for placement of aspiring teachers early this year, KUCCPS held a workshop with 70 academic chiefs of the colleges, including principals at Thogoto TTC to sensitise them on the placement process.

KUCCPS Chief Executive Officer Dr Mercy Wahome observed that the meeting – the first between KUCCPS and the TTCs – was a major step in the agency's preparations for the selection of primary school teacher trainees.

The principals and their deans of curriculum were sensitised on the KUCCPS mandate, how to navigate the KUCCPS portals, validation of courses and placement processes, application processing and inter-institutional transfers. They were also shown how to upload programmes and capacities on the KUCCPS database.

"KUCCPS has developed a watertight computer admission system that will ensure all eligible applicants are placed," Dr Wahome told participants at the forum.

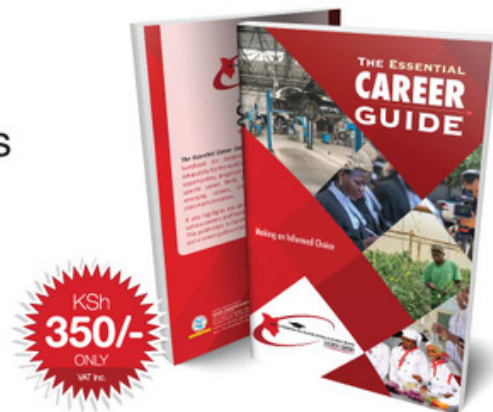
Under the arrangement, all colleges were required to upload their programmes and declare their capacities on the KUCCPS portal, before the opening of the portal for student applications. The workshop was attended by the TTCs, Ministry of Education, the Teachers Service Commission and Kenya Institute Curriculum Development (KICD) representatives.

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