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## **WESTERN CLASSES IN KC NORTHLAND MOVE TO NEW LOCATION**

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —Dec. 6, 2004—Missouri Western State College has moved its Kansas City northland classrooms to a new location. Classes are now held in the Platte County Resource Center near the Kansas City International airport.

Students taking courses at that location are part of the 2+2+2 partnership agreement formed between Metropolitan Community Colleges (MCC), Western and University of Missouri – Kansas City (UMKC). The agreement offers students the opportunity to earn an associate degree at any of the Metropolitan Community Colleges, earn a bachelor's degree from Western by taking classes at the Resource Center, and earn a master's through UMKC at the same location. Currently, degrees are offered in education and business.

Karla Lager, Western's extended campus coordinator, said the recently built facility is larger than their previous location. "With more room there, we have the potential to expand within the current programs or to offer other opportunities," she said.

The new location is equipped with a computer center, and Western's instructional media center plans to install state-of-the-art presentation technology in the classrooms at the Resource Center that will be similar to the technology found in all of Western's classrooms on their campus.

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Lager said convenience is an important consideration for students looking at colleges, and she is happy that Western can offer Kansas City students the convenience of classes in the Northland. However, she noted that the students are still very much a part of Western. She is at the Resource Center at least one day a week, and she always brings copies of the student newspaper with her when she goes.

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