



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2024-2025

Associate in Applied Science in Health Information Technology
to Bachelor of Science in Health Science (Degree Completion Track)

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Health Information Technology degree at Gateway Community and Technical College (GCTC) and leads to the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Health Science degree at Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

Applying to the Gateway2NKU Program

Students can apply to participate in the pathway program by completing the online application on the NKU transfer webpage. Students must be enrolled in at least six credit hours at Gateway CTC, enrolled in an associate degree program, plan to transfer to NKU, and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA at Gateway CTC.

Degree Requirements for GCTCS

1) Minimum cumulative GPA 2.0, 2) minimum of 25 percent of credit hours required for the degree earned at the institution awarding the degree, and 3) demonstration of digital literacy.

Admission Requirements to NKU

Students completing an associate degree with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher will be accepted into NKU. Students wishing to enroll in the Health Science Completer degree must have a minimum college GPA of 2.30. The Degree Completion Track is designed for students who have an earned associate degree in a health discipline looking to complete a bachelor's degree.

This major can be completed online. Courses are offered in seven-week formats. Tuition for online accelerated programs differs from face-to-face tuition. Scholarship pricing is available to GCTC students who choose to enroll in the fully online program. Visit our website for more information about the [Health Science Accelerated Online program](#).

Degree Requirements for NKU

To earn a bachelor's degree at NKU, students must complete a minimum of 120 credit hours with at least 45 credit hours numbered 300 and above. In addition, at least 25% of the credit hours required for the degree and the last 30 credit hours must be completed at NKU. Students must have an overall GPA of 2.0, earn a C or better in major courses, and meet all prerequisites for courses and requirements for the major. An associate of applied science (AAS) degree or equivalent from a regionally accredited institution serves as an imbedded minor for the program.

Health Care Industry Certification Examinations: Students who hold advanced credentials in radiologic technology or nuclear medicine (for example, CT, MRI, cardiovascular imaging, PET, etc.) or respiratory care (for example, polysomnography) may be awarded up to six hours of coursework at the 300 level or above that may be used toward their credit hour total. Advanced credentials must have been awarded by a recognized national organization, such as the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board, Board of Registered Polysomnography Technologists, the National Board for Respiratory Care, or the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography. [Visit testing services to learn more about the process for receiving credit.](#)

Prior learning credit is also available for radiographers who have graduated from an accredited radiography program, but who may not have coursework that transfers to NKU. Students must have passed the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists national examination, have maintained their certification and can provide documentation of current certification. These students may be awarded up to 50 hours of radiography professional coursework, dependent upon year of initial certification; award of credit will be posted to the student's transcript upon completion of the process. This advanced standing policy is limited to students completing the health science program. Credit hours earned under this policy may not be used to satisfy the residency requirements for graduation. Students who earn these credit hours must meet all prevailing university and program requirements for graduation.

General Transfer Information

Students must complete the online application to NKU. There is no application fee for students who are transferring from a KCTCS institution.

**GCTC AAS IN HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
TO NKU BS IN HEALTH SCIENCE (DEGREE COMPLETION TRACK) CHECKLIST**

Gateway Community and Technical College

Category 1: GCTC General Education Requirements

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
ENG 101	Writing I (WC)	3	ENG 101	
TBS XXX	Heritage or Humanities Course (AH)	3	TBD XXX	
PSY 110 or SOC 101	General Psychology (SB) or Introduction to Sociology (SB)	3	PSY 100 or SOC 100	
MAT 151	Introduction to Applied Statistics	3	STA 100G	
BIO 135 or BIO 137 & 139	Human Anatomy and Physiology W/Lab (SL) or Human Anatomy and Physiology I & Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4-8	BIO 121/121L or BIO 208/208L & BIO 209/209L	
	Subtotal General Education Courses	16-20		

TBS XXX means to be selected by GCTC student.

TBD XXX means to be determined by NKU based on course selected.

Category 2: GCTC AAS Requirements for Health Information Technology

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
CIT 105 or OST 105	Introduction to Computing or Introduction to Information Systems	0-3	BIS 101	
AHS 115	Medical Terminology	3	BIO 272	
HIT 100	Intro to Health Information Technology	3	HSC 100T	
HIT 105	Patho/Pharm for Health Information Professionals	4	HSC 200T	
HIT 109	Clinical Classification Systems I	4	HSC 200T	
HIT 110	Legal/Ethical Issues in Health Information	2	HSC 200T	
HIT 112	Reimbursement Methodologies	3	HSC 200T	
HIT 200	Information Systems in Healthcare	3	HSC 200T	
HIT 202	Clinical Classification Systems II	3	HSC 200T	
HIT 205	Performance Improvement in Health Information	3	HSC 200T	
HIT 207	Clinical Classification Systems III	3	HSC 200T	
HIT 211	Health Care Management & Statistics	3	HSC 200T	
HIT 215 or HIT 2151 & HIT 2152	Clinical Practicum or Clinical Practicum I and Clinical Practicum II	4	HSC 300T	
CIT 130	Productivity Software	3	BIS 101	
	Subtotal AAS Requirement Courses	41-44		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	60-64		

Students must demonstrate computer/digital literacy skills, either through completing a course or passing a test.

Category 3: Additional Gateway Requirements for Core General Education Certification

In addition to completing the requirements of the AAS degree, students can complete additional courses from these categories in order to satisfy the general education requirements at NKU. If a student completes the AAS degree and transfers on to NKU without completing these courses, they will need to take seven general education courses in addition to the required major courses.

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Taken at GCTC
ENG 102	Writing II (WC)	3	ENG 102	
COM 181 or COM 252	Basic Public Speaking or Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	3	CMST 110 or CMST 220	
TBS XXX	Heritage or Humanities Course (AH) (whichever was not taken above)	3	TBD XXX	
STA 251	Applied Statistics	3	MAT 151 + STA 251 = STA 205	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Science (from a different subject (PSY/SOC) taken above) (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Choose either an additional Natural Science course or an additional Social & Behavioral Science course	3	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal General Education Credit Hours	18		

Northern Kentucky University

Category 4: NKU Additional General Education Courses (if not met at GCTC)

NKU Course	Course or Category	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
ENG 102	Written II	3	ENG 102	
CMST 101	Oral Communication	3	COM 181	
TBS XXX	Natural Science	3		
TBS XXX	Cultural Pluralism	3		
TBS XXX	Individual and Society	3		
TBS XXX	Culture and Creativity	3		
TBS XXX	Global Viewpoints	3		
	Subtotal General Education Credit Hours	21		

If students choose the BIO 137 and BIO 139 option instead of BIO 135 in category 1, they will fulfill both science general education requirements at NKU.

Category 5: NKU Major Requirements for BS in Health Science

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
HHS 500	Teaching & Learning in Healthcare Education	3		
HIN 355	Foundations of Health Informatics	3		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
HSC 410	Healthcare Management	3		
HSC 413	Aging in Today's Society	3		
HSC 415	Ethical and Legal Issues in Healthcare	3		
HSC 421	Healthcare Research	3		
HSC 440	Issues in Chronic Disease Management	3		
HSC 480	Global Perspectives in Healthcare	3		
HSC 510	Trends and Cultural Issues in Healthcare	3		
LDR 308	Leadership Development	3		
STA 205	Statistical Methods	3	MAT 151 + STA 251	
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	33		

Category 6: Additional Requirements at NKU

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTCS Course	Taken at GCTC
	Subtotal Elective Hours	11		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	122-129		

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