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 at a Kentucky Community and Technical College (KCTCS) institution and leads to the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Health Science – Degree Completion Track degree at Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

Applying to the KCTCS2NKU 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 their KCTCS institution, enrolled in an associate degree program, plan to transfer to NKU, and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA at their KCTCS institution.

Degree Requirements for KCTCS
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.

Students who complete one of the following associate degrees at a Kentucky Community and Technical College can apply for admission into NKU's Health Science - Degree Completion Track.
- o   Dental Hygiene
- o   Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- o   Emergency Medical Services – Paramedic
- o   Health Information Technology

- o Health Science Technology
- o Massage Therapy Technology
- o Medical Assisting
- o Medical Information Technology
- o Medical Laboratory Technician
- o Occupational Therapy Assistant
- o Orthotics and Prosthetics Technology
- o Physical Therapist Assistant
- o Radiography
- o Respiratory Therapist
- o Surgical First Assisting
- o Surgical Technology

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 KCTCS 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.

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.

KCTCS Scholars Award: Students who are KY residents transferring directly from a KCTCS institution with at least 36 hours from that institution and minimum GPA of 3.0, were never enrolled as a degree-seeking student at NKU, and will be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours both fall and spring semester are eligible for a limited number of $2,500 annual scholarships ($1,250 per fall and spring). Students must gain admission to NKU by June 15 for fall and November 1 for spring to be eligible for a possible scholarship. Online accelerated programs are not eligible for the KCTCS Scholars Award.

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

Kentucky Community and Technical College System

Category 1: KCTCS General Education Requirements

KCTCS 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 SOC 100	
MAT 151 or STA 151	Introduction to Applied Statistics (QR)	3	STA 100G	
BIO 135	Basic Anatomy and Physiology W/Lab (SL)	4	BIO 121/121L	
	Subtotal General Education Courses	**16**		

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

BIO 137 and BIO 139 (NKU's BIO 208 with Lab and BIO 209 with Lab) may be substituted for BIO 135.

Category 2: KCTCS AAS Requirements for Health Information Technology

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
CIT 105 or OST 105	Introduction to Computers or Introduction to Information Systems	3	BIS 101	
CLA 131 or MIT 103 or AHS 115	Medical Terminology from Greek or Latin or Medical Office Terminology OR Medical Terminology	3	UND 100T BIO 272	
HIT 100	Introduction to Health Information Technology	3	HSC 100T	
HIT 105	Pathophysiology/Pharmacology 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	Quality Management & Performance Improvement - Health Information	3	HSC 200T	
HIT 207	Clinical Classification Systems III	3	HSC 300T	
HIT 211	Health Care Management and Statistics	3	HSC 200T	
HIT 215 or HIT 2151 and HIT 2152	Clinical Practicum or Clinical Practicum I and Clinical Practicum II	4	HSC 300T	

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
OST 240 or CIT 130	Advanced Software Applications or Productivity Software	3	INF 100T BIS 101	
	Subtotal AAS Requirement Courses	**44**		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	**60**		

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Category 3: NKU Additional General Education Courses

NKU Course	Course or Category	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
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**		

The KCTCS Heritage and Humanities course will likely transfer as a Culture and Creativity credit, but discuss your choice with an advisor to know for sure which NKU general education category it will fulfill. These courses could fulfill general education certification.

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

Category 4: NKU Major Requirements for BS in Health Science

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
HHS 500	Teaching & Learning in Healthcare Education	3		
HIN 355	Foundations of Health Informatics	3		
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	STA 220 or	

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
			(MAT 151 or STA 151 or MAT 161) + STA 251	
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	**33**		

Category 5: Additional Requirements at NKU

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
	Subtotal Elective (300/400 level) Hours	**8**		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	**122**		

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