



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate in Applied Science in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education to
Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education – Certification Track

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education degree at a Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) institution and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Early Childhood Education – Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (IECE) Certification 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.

In addition, students must meet the following requirements for admission into Early Childhood Education – IECE Certification Track. Courses in parentheses are KCTCS course equivalencies.

- A minimum overall GPA of 2.75
- A minimum grade of “B” in CMST 101 (COM 181) and ENG 102 (ENG 102)
- A minimum grade of “C” in all other pre-admission courses and required EDU and EDS courses which include EDU 300 (EDP 202), EDU 305 (EDU 201), EDU 313 (EDU 204), and EDS 360 (EDP 203).

- Meet the entrance exam requirement through an approved combination of passing scores on the ACT and/or Praxis I Core Academic Skills for Educators exams
 - o ACT Comp. 22 -OR-
 - o Reading (ACT: 20 -or- Praxis I: 156) and
 - o Eng./Writing (ACT: 18 -or- Praxis I: 162) and
 - o Mathematics (ACT: 19 -or- Praxis I: 150)

ACT scores must be less than 5 years old at time of admissions semester
- Pass criminal background check
- 60 semester hours completed
- An acceptable portfolio
- A completed application to the Teacher Education 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 majoring in Early Childhood Education – IECE Certification Track must maintain a GPA of 2.75 overall and in major courses and earn a minimum grade of C in all education courses. Students must meet the pre-requisites for each course. No minor is required for this major.

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 INTERDISCIPLINARY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TO
NKU BA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION – CERTIFICATION 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	
ENG 102	Writing II (WC)	3	ENG 102	
COM 181	Basic Public Speaking (OC)	3	CMST 101	
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH) - Heritage or Humanities	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Quantitative Reasoning (QR)	3	TBD XXX	
PSY 110	General Psychology (SB)	3	PSY 100	
TBS XXX	Natural Science (NS or SL)	3-4	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal General Education Courses	21-22		

TBS XXX means to be selected by KCTCS student.

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

Category 2: KCTCS AAS Requirements for Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
EDU 204	Technology in the Classroom	3	EDU 313	
IEC 101	Orientation to Early Childhood Education	3	EDU 200T	
IEC 102	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3	EDU 200T	
IEC 130	Early Childhood Development	3	EDU 300T	
IEC 170	Observation and Assessment	3	EDU 300T	
IEC 180 + IEC 221 + IEC 246	Curriculum Design and Instruction in IECE and Creative Expression in IECE and Sciences and Math in IECE	3 3 3	EDU 551 + EDU 300T + EDU 300T	
IEC 200	Child Guidance	3	EDU 301	
IEC 216	Language and Literacy in IECE	3	EDU 554	
IEC 235	Introduction to Inclusive Education	3	EDS 360	
IEC 260	Technical Support Elective: Recommend Infant and Toddler Education and Programming	3	EDU 552	
IEC 295	IECE Capstone	3	EDU 321	
IEC 210	Technical Support Elective: Recommend Families and Communities in Early Childhood Education	3	EDU 320	
	Subtotal AAS Requirement Courses	42		
	Total Associate Degree Credit Hours	63-64		

Northern Kentucky University

Category 3: NKU Additional General Education Courses

NKU Course	Course or Category	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
TBS XXX	Natural Science	3-4		
TBS XXX	Individual & Society	3		
TBS XXX	Culture & Creativity	3		
TBS XXX	Global Viewpoints	3		
	Subtotal General Education Credit Hours	12-13		

TBS XXX means selected by NKU student.

Category 4: NKU Major Requirements for the BA in Early Childhood Education – IECE Certification Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
EDU 104	Orientation: Education Profession/Program	1		
EDU 300	Human Growth and Development	3	EDP 202	
EDU 301	Interpersonal Interaction and Guidance	3	IEC 200	x
EDU 302	Teaching of Reading	3		
EDU 303	Admission Field Experience IECE	2		
EDU 305	Introduction to Education	2	EDU 201	
EDU 313	Instructional Technology	3	EDU 204	x
EDU 316	Education in a Multicultural Society	3		
EDU 320	Family Engagement in the Home, School and Community	3	IEC 210	x
EDU 395	IECE Field Experience I	3		
EDU 397	IECE Field Experience II	3		
EDU 491	Clinical Experience in IECE	12		
EDU 517	Teaching of Phonics in Elementary/Middle	3		
EDU 550	Current Trends in Early Childhood Education	3		
EDU 551	Preschool Education and Programming	3	IEC 180 + IEC 221 + IEC 246 = EDU 551 + EDU 300T + EDU 300T	x
EDU 552	Infant Toddler Education and Programming	3	IEC 260	x
EDU 554	Language Development and Emergent Literacy	3	IEC 216	x
EDU 565	EC Screening & Ongoing Assessment	3		
EDU 568	Administration and Supervision in Early Childhood Education	3	IEC 230 + IEC 240 = EDU 568 + EDU 300T	

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
EDU 569	Kindergarten Education and Programming	3		
EDS 322	Instructional Planning for Inclusive Elementary Classrooms	3		
EDS 360	Students with Exceptionalities in School	3	IEC 235	x
EDS 362	Applied Behavior Analysis for Students with Disabilities	3		
EDS 365	Characteristics of Emotional/Behavioral Disorder	3		
EDS 551	Assistive Technology in the Classroom	3		
EDS 562	Early Childhood Special Education Programs	3		
EDS 570	Working with Families of Students with Disabilities	3		
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 110	x
CMST 101	Public Speaking	3	COM 181	x
ENG 101	College Writing	3	ENG 101	x
ENG 102	Advanced College Writing	3	ENG 102	x
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	65		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours KCTCS	33		
	Total Major Credit Hours	98		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	140-141		

EDU 303 is waived if student provides documentation of 50 hours of field experience in an education setting. If EDU 303 is waived, student must complete EDU 334: Portfolio Development (1 credit).

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