



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate in Applied Science in Education to
Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education – Non-certification Track

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Education degree at a Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) institution and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Early Childhood Education – Non-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. Students must earn a C or higher in all education courses or repeat the course after transfer.

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 must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher overall 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: Student 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 EDUCATION TO NKU BA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION –
NON-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 or COM 252	Basic Public Speaking (OC) or Introduction to Interpersonal Communications (OC)	3	CMST 101 CMST 220	
HIS 108 or HIS 109	History of the United State Through 1865 History of the United State Since 1865 (AH)	3	HIS 102 HIS 103	
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH) – Humanities	3	TBD XXX	
PSY 110	General Psychology (SB)	3	PSY 100	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences (SB)	6	TBD XXX	
MAT 146 or MAT 150	Contemporary College Mathematics (QR) or College Algebra (QR)	3	MAT 115 (MAT 102 or MAT 103) + MAT 100T	
TBS XXX	Natural Science – at least one course with a lab (SL/NS)	6-7	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal General Education Courses	33-34		

TBS XXX means to be selected by KCTCS student.

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

One of these courses must be selected from the KCTCS identified Cultural Studies course list, indicate by placing (CS) next to the course name in Category 1 or 2 table.

A grade of A or B in MAT 150 equates to MAT 103 + MAT 100T. Grade of C or D in MAT 150 equates to MAT 102 + MAT 100T.

Category 2: KCTCS AAS Requirements for Education

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
EDU 204	Technology in the Classroom	3	EDU 313 + EDU 300T	
EDP 202	Human Development and Learning	3	EDU 300	
EDP 203	Teaching Exceptional Learners in Regular Classrooms	3	EDS 360	
EDU 201	Introduction to American Education	3	EDU 305 + EDU 300T	

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
IEC 130	Early Childhood Development	3	EDU 300T	
IEC 170	Observation and Assessment	3	EDU 300T	
IEC 200	Child Guidance	3	EDU 301	
IEC 210	Families and Communities in Early Childhood Education	3	EDU 320	
IEC 260	Infant and Toddler Education and Programming	3	EDU 552	
	Subtotal AAS Requirement Courses	27		
	Total Associate Degree Credit Hours	60-61		

Northern Kentucky University

Category 3: NKU Major Requirements for the BA in Early Childhood Education – Non-certification Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
EDU 301	Interpersonal Interaction and Guidance	3	IEC 200	x
EDU 316	Education in a Multicultural Society	3		
EDU 320	Family Engagement in the Home, School and Community	3	IEC 210	x
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	
EDU 552	Infant Toddler Education and Programming	3	IEC 260	x
EDU 554	Language Development and Emergent Literacy	3	IEC 216	
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	
EDU 569	Kindergarten Education and Programming	3		
EDS 360	Students with Exceptionalities in School	3	EDP 203	x
EDS 562	Early Childhood Special Education Programs	3		
EDU 490	Non-certification Final Field Experience	6		
TBS XXX	Electives (See advisor for recommended list of electives)	32	Up to 12 credits from EDU, EDP, and IEC courses	
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	50		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours KCTCS	24		
	Total Major Credit Hours	74		
	Elective Credit Hours	9-10		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	120		

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