TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE
2025-2026

Associate in Applied Science in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood 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 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 – 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: 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 or COM 252	Basic Public Speaking (OC) or Introduction to Interpersonal Communications (OC)	3	CMST 101 CMST 220	
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 + EDU 300T	
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 Course: Recommend Infant and Toddler Education and Programming	3	EDU 552	
IEC 295	IECE Capstone	3	EDU 321	
IEC 210	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 – 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 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	IEC 235	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 21 credits from IEC courses	
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	**41**		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours KCTCS	**33**		
	Total Major Credit Hours	**74**		
	Elective Credit Hours	**3-4**		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	**120**		