TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE
2025-2026

Associate in Arts to Bachelor of Arts in Education, Culture and Society

Overview
Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for an Associate in Arts (AA) degree at a Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) institution and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Education, Culture and Society 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) completion of minimum 60 credit hours, 2) minimum cumulative GPA 2.0, 3) minimum of 15 credit hours earned at the institution awarding the degree, 4) demonstration of digital literacy, 5) college success requirement.

Admission Requirements to NKU
Students completing an associate degree with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher will be accepted into NKU.

This major can be completed in person or online.

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 2.5 and meet all prerequisites for courses and requirements for the major. No secondary area 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 AA TO NKU BA IN EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SOCIETY CHECKLIST

Kentucky Community and Technical College System

Category 1: KCTCS General Education Core 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	Quantitative Reasoning (QR)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Quantitative Reasoning (QR) or Natural Science (NS)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Natural Science Course (SL)	4	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Course (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Course (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Course (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH) – Heritage	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH) – Humanities	3	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal General Education Core Courses	**34**		

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

For Social and Behavioral Sciences courses, two disciplines must be represented and different from those in the Arts and Humanities category.

Category 2: KCTCS AA Requirements

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH), Social & Behavioral Science (SB), Oral Communications (OC), or Foreign Language Course	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH), Social & Behavioral Science (SB), Oral Communications (OC), or Foreign Language Course	3	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal AA/AS Requirement Courses	**6**		

Category 3: KCTCS Electives

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
FYE 105	First-Year Experience	3	UNV 101	
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	

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
EDU 204	Technology in the Classroom (satisfies the digital literacy requirement)	3	EDU 313	
TBS XXX	Choose a course from one of the tracks you plan to use toward your BA degree	3		
TBS XXX	Choose a course from one of the tracks you plan to use toward your BA degree	3		
	Subtotal Elective Courses	**21**		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	**61**		

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Category 4: NKU Major Requirements for BA in Education, Culture and Society

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	x
EDU 304 or EDU 530	Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum: Middle Grades or Reading in Middle and Secondary Schools	3		
EDU 305	Introduction to Education	2	EDU 201	x
EDU 313	Instructional Technology	3	EDU 204	x
EDU 316	Education in a Multicultural Society (SB)	3		
EDU 350	Instructional Design	3		
EDU 592	Educational Capstone Seminar	3		
EDS 360	Students with Exceptionalities in School	3	EDP 203	x
Select 1 course: EDS 364 EDS 365 EDS 452/453 EDS 561 EDS 570	Select one course from the following: Characteristics of Learning Disabilities Characteristics of Emotional/Behavioral Disorders Education, Advocacy, and Dis/Ability and Mentoring Field Experience Intellectual and Orthopedic Disabilities Working with Families of Students with Disabilities	3		
	Students must select 36 hours from the tracks as follows. They must either select two tracks from the first three tracks below, taking 18 hours in each track, or select two tracks from the first three tracks below, taking 24 hours in one track and 12 hours in the other.	36		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
	Alternatively, students may select the Teaching and Learning track but only with permission of the program director. Students selecting this track must meet the admissions requirements to the Teacher Education program. Track courses are listed in Tables 6 through 9 below.			
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	52		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at KCTCS	11		
	Total Major Credit Hours	63		

Category 5: Additional Requirements at NKU

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
	Subtotal Elective (300/400 level) Hours	7		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	120		

Below is the list of courses in the four tracks: Youth, Family and Community; Diversity and Social Justice; Workforce Development; and Teaching and Learning.

Category 6: NKU Youth, Family and Community Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
ASL 110	Beginning American Sign Language I	3		
ASL 111	Beginning American Sign Language II	3		
ASL 201	American Sign Language III	3		
ASL 202	American Sign Language IV	3		
ASL 326	Deaf Culture and Community	3		
ASL 327	Deaf History in America	3		
ASL 400	Aspects of Deaf Life	3		
ANT 307	Museum Methods	3		
ANT 307S	Museum Methods	3		
ANT 311	Museums in Contemporary Society	3		
ANT 320	Religion and Culture	3		
CSMT 220	Interpersonal Communication	3	COM 252	
CMST 345	Family Communication	3		
EDU 320	Family Engagement in the Home, School and Community	3	IEC 210	
EDU 445	Introduction to Environmental Education	3		
EDU 446	Strategies for Environmental Education	3		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
EDU 447	Outdoor Learning Environments	3		
EDU 448	Teaching about Environmental Issues	3		
EDU 522	The Mindful Helping Professional	1-4		
EDU 523	The Mindful Leader	3		
HCOM 315	Sociocultural Aspects of Health	3		
HEA 320	Drug and Alcohol Education	3		
HEA 370	Community Health	3		
HSR 303	Multicultural Issues in Human Services	3	HMS 220	
JUS 300	Juvenile Justice	3		
PHI 300	Ethics and Social Responsibility	3		
PHI 360	Environmental Philosophy	3		
PSY 340	Social Psychology	3		
WGS 150	Intro to Contemporary Gender Issues (SB)	3	WGS 200 WGS 210	

Category 7: NKU Diversity and Social Justice Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
ANT 201	World Cultures (SB)	3		
ANT 320	Religion and Culture	3		
ANT 330	Sex, Gender, and Culture	3		
ASL 110	Beginning American Sign Language I	3		
ASL 111	Beginning American Sign Language II	3		
ASL 201	American Sign Language III	3		
ASL 202	American Sign Language IV	3		
ASL 326	Deaf Culture and Community	3		
ASL 327	Deaf History in America	3		
ASL 400	Aspects of Deaf Life	3		
BLS 100	Introduction to Black Studies (SB)	3		
CMST 335	Communication and Conflict	3		
CMST 345	Family Communication	3		
CMST 355	Culture and Communication	3	COM 254	
EDU 540	Teaching the Underground Railroad	3		
EMB 105	Media in a Diverse Society (SB)	3		
ENG 213	Global Viewpoints in Literature (AH)	3	ENG 231	
ENG 217	African-American Literature to 1940	3		
ENG 218	African-American Literature 1940-Present	3	ENG 264	
HIS 200	Poverty, Prosperity, and Opportunity (SB)	3		
HIS 383	American Immigration History	3		
HIS 388	Recent US History, 1975- Present	3		
HIS 418	Researching Underground Railroad History	3		
HIS 428	History of American Popular Culture	3		
HIS 445	History of Women in the U.S. since 1900	3	HIS 265	

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
JUS 231	Race, Gender and Crime (AH)	3	JUS 231U	
PHI 309	Global Ethics	3		
PHI 324	African Philosophy	3		
REL 352	Women and Religion	3		
SOC 355	Sociology of the Environment	3		
WGS 150	Intro to Contemporary Gender Issues (SB)	3	WGS 200 WGS 210	

Category 8: NKU Workforce Development Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
BUS 101	Introduction to Business	1	BAS 160	
BUS 230	Legal Environment	3	BAS 267	
CMST 220	Interpersonal Communication	3	COM 252	
CMST 230	Small Group Communication	3	COM 281	
CMST 303	Organizational Communication	3		
CMST 310	Argumentation	3		
CMST 317	Gender and Communication	3		
ENG 348	Editing and Content Development	3		
ENG 349	Content Development for Web	3		
HIS 200	Poverty, Prosperity, and Opportunity (SB)	3		
HIS 431	Historical Themes in African-American History	3		
LDR 205	Human Relations in Organizations	3		
LDR 315	Leading People in Organizations	3		
LDR 381	Organizational Ethics and Decision Making	3		
LDR 385	Teamwork in Organizations	3		
MGT 205	Business Management Principles	3	BAS 283	
MGT 240	Managerial Communication	3		
MGT 300	Behavior in Organizations: Understanding Organizational Life	3		
MGT 320	Managing a Diverse Workforce	3		
MGT 330	Negotiation and Conflict Resolution	3		
PHI 308	Professional Ethics	3	PHI 150	
WGS 150	Intro to Contemporary Gender Issues (SB)	3	WGS 200 WGS 210	
WGS 310	Gender in the Workplace	3		
WGS 317	Gender and Communication	3		

Category 9: NKU Teaching and Learning Track

Prior approval is required before taking courses in this track. Students must complete one of the following lists of courses. The lists pertain to other majors' requirements and are here for students changing from one of these majors into this major.

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
	Elementary Education			
EDU 302	Teaching of Reading	3		
EDU 306	Teaching Elementary School Mathematics	3		
EDU 307	Admission Field Experience Elementary	2		
EDU 308	Teaching Elementary School Science	3		
EDU 310	Teaching Language Arts in Early Grades	3		
EDU 312	Teaching Social Studies in Early Grades	3		
EDU 313	Instructional Technology	3	EDU 204	
EDU 314	Classroom Management	3		
EDU 315	Educational Assessment: Elementary Schools	2		
EDU 388	Elementary Field Experience I	2		
EDU 389	Elementary Field Experience II	2		
EDU 494	Clinical Experience Elementary	12		
EDS 322	Instructional Planning for Inclusive Elementary Classrooms	3		
EDS 360	Students with Exceptionalities in School	3	EDP 203	
	Middle Grades Education			
EDU 304	Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum: Middle Grades	3		
EDU 309	Admission Field Experience Middle Grades	2		
EDU 313	Instructional Technology	3	EDU 204	
EDU 318	Classroom Climate Management: Middle School	2		
EDU 343	Educational Assessment Middle Schools	2		
EDU 344	Fundamentals of Middle Grades Education	2		
EDU 391	Middle Grades Field Experience I	2		
EDU 394	Middle Grades Field Experience II	2		
EDU 495	Clinical Experience Middle Grades	12		
EDS 323	Instructional Planning for Inclusive Middle Level Classrooms	3		
EDS 360	Students with Exceptionalities in School	3	EDP 203	
	Secondary Education			
EDU 311	Admission Field Experience Secondary	2		
EDU 313	Instructional Technology	3	EDU 204	
EDU 319	Classroom Climate Management Secondary	2		
EDU 324	Fundamentals of Secondary Education	1		
EDU 325	Educational Assessment Secondary	2		
EDU 393	Secondary Field Experience I	2		
EDU 396	Secondary Field Experience II	2		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
EDU 496	Clinical Experience Secondary	12		
EDS 324	Instructional Planning for Inclusive Secondary Classrooms	3		
EDS 360	Students with Exceptionalities in School	3	EDP 203	
	Special Education			
EDS 362	Applied Behavior Analysis for Students with Disabilities	3		
EDS 364	Characteristics of Learning Disabilities	3		
EDS 365	Characteristics of Emotional/Behavioral Disorder	3		
EDS 464	Assessment Learning and Behavior Disorders	3		
EDS 472	Special Education Methods and Materials	3		
EDS 473	Special Education Field Experience	2		
EDS 561	Intellectual and Orthopedic Disabilities	3		
EDS 570	Working with Families of Students with Disabilities	3		
EDS 572	Secondary Special Education Programs	3		
EDS 492	Clinical Experience Elementary with Special Education	12		
EDS 493	Clinical Experience Middle Grades with Special Education	12		
EDS 497	Clinical Experience Secondary with Special Education	12		
	Early Childhood Education (Certification Track)			
EDU 301	Interpersonal Interaction and Guidance	3	IEC 200	
EDU 302	Teaching of Reading	3		
EDU 303	Admission Field Experience IECE	2		
EDU 313	Instructional Technology	3	EDU 204	
EDU 395	IECE Field Experience I	3		
EDU 397	IECE Field Experience II	3		
EDU 491	Clinical Experience in IECE	12		
EDU 500	Core Principles of Early Childhood Education	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 567 + EDU 300T	
EDU 552	Infant Toddler Education and Programming	3	IEC 260	
EDU 554	Language Development and Emergent Literacy	3	IEC 216	
EDU 565	Early Childhood Assessments for Screening	3		
EDU 566	Ongoing Assessment in Early Childhood Education	3	IEC 130 + IEC 170 = EDU 566 +	

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
			EDU 300T	
EDU 567	Math and Science Exploration PreK-3rd	3	IEC 246	
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	
EDS 362	Applied Behavior Analysis for Students with Disabilities	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		
EDU 445	Introduction to Environmental Education	3		
EDU 446	Strategies for Environmental Education	3		
EDU 447	Outdoor Learning Environments	3		
EDU 448	Teaching about Environmental Issues	3		
EDU 517	Teaching of Phonics in Elementary/Middle	3		

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