



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate in Arts to
Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate in Arts (AA) at a Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) Institution and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Elementary Education 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, and 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.

Students wishing to enroll in the elementary education program must follow the admission guidelines for teacher education programs outlined by the College of Education. Courses in parentheses are KCTCS course equivalents.

- 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 Elementary Education 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 AA TO NKU BA IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION CHECKLIST

Kentucky Community and Technical College System Institution

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	
HIS 108 or HIS 109	History of the United State Through 1865 or History of the United State Since 1865 (AH)	3	HIS 102 or HIS 103	
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH) – Humanities	3	TBD XXX	
PSY 110	General Psychology (SB)	3	PSY 100	
GEO 152 or GEO 160	Regional Geography of the World (SB) or Lands and Peoples of the Non-Western World (SB)	3	GEO 101 or GEO 103	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Course (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
BIO 112/113	Introduction to Biology and Lab (SL)	4	BIO 120/120L	
MAT 146 or MAT 150	Contemporary College Mathematics (QR) or College Algebra (QR)	3	MAT 115 (MAT 102 or MAT 103) + MAT 100T	
MAT 206	Mathematics for Elementary and Middle School Teachers II (QR)	3	MAT 141	
	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.

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 AA Requirements

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

Category 3: KCTCS Electives

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
	First-Year Experience	0-3		
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	
MAT 205	Mathematics for Elementary and Middle School Teachers I	3	MAT 140	
EDU 204	Technology in the Classroom	3	EDU 313	
EDU 240 or EDU 270	Elementary and Middle School Literature or Elementary School Literature	3	ENG 386	
TBS XXX	Elective	0-3	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal Elective Courses	21		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	61		

Students in the Gateway2NKU, MCTC2NKU or Jefferson2NKU programs are encouraged to choose one NKU Elementary Education degree course from the NKU course catalog as their elective. Students should work with their NKU advisor before enrolling in these courses.

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Category 4: NKU Major Requirements for Elementary Education

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 302	Teaching of Reading	3		
EDU 305	Introduction to Education	2	EDU 201	x
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	x
EDU 314	Classroom Management	3		
EDU 315	Educational Assessment: Elementary Schools	2		
EDU 316	Education in a Multicultural Society	3		
EDU 388	Elementary Field Experience I	2		
EDU 389	Elementary Field Experience II	2		
EDU 494	Clinical Experience Elementary	12		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
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EDS 322	Instructional Planning for Inclusive Elementary Classrooms	3		
EDS 360	Students with Exceptionalities in School	3	EDP 203	x
HIS XXX	HIS Course	3	HIS 108 or HIS 109	x
GEO XXX	GEO course	3	GEO 152 or GEO 160	x
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 110	x
CMST 101	Public Speaking	3	COM 181	x
STA 113	Probability and Statistics with Elementary Education Applications	3		
BIO 120/120L	Understanding the Living World	4	BIO 112/113	x
SCI 110	Integrative Science	4		
ENG 102	Writing and Research	3	ENG 102	x
ARTE 280	Art for Elementary Education	3		
ENG 386	Children's Literature	3	EDU 240 or EDU 270	x
HEA 250	Health Education for Elementary Teachers	2		
MAT 140	Arithmetic Structures for Elementary Teachers	3	MAT 205	x
MAT 141	Geometry I for K-8 Teachers	3	MAT 206	x
MUS 260	Music Fundamentals and Skills for Classroom Teachers	3	MUS 223	
PHE 250	Physical Education for Elementary Teachers	2		
TBD XXX	Electives	6		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours Taken at NKU	68		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours Taken at KCTCS Institution	39		
	Total Major Credit Hours	107		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	129		

EDU 104 and EDU 307 is waived if student provides documentation of 50 hours of field experience in an education setting. If EDU 307 is waived, student must complete EDU 334: Portfolio Development (1 credit).

Students pursuing an elementary education major may also choose to concurrently complete a second major in special education. *EDS 360 Students with Exceptionalities in Schools is not required for special education majors, so EDP 203 can be replaced with another course at the KCTCS institution.* For courses leading to certification in special education, refer to the Bachelor of Arts with a major in special education program description in the NKU Course Catalog.

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