



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate in Applied Science in Physical Therapist Assistant
to Bachelor of Science in Health Science (Degree Completion Track)

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Physical Therapist Assistant at a Kentucky Community and Technical College (KCTCS) institution and leads to the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Health Science – Degree Completion 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 wishing to enroll in the Health Science Completer degree must have a minimum college GPA of 2.30. The Degree Completion Track is designed for students who have an earned associate degree in a health discipline looking to complete a bachelor's degree.

Students who complete one of the following associate degrees at a Kentucky Community and Technical College can apply for admission into NKU's Health Science - Degree Completion Track.

- Dental Hygiene
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Emergency Medical Services – Paramedic
- Health Information Technology

- Health Science Technology
- Massage Therapy Technology
- Medical Assisting
- Medical Information Technology
- Medical Laboratory Technician
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Orthotics and Prosthetics Technology
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Radiography
- Respiratory Therapist
- Surgical First Assisting
- Surgical Technology

This major can be completed online. Courses are offered in seven-week formats. Tuition for online accelerated programs differs from face-to-face tuition. Scholarship pricing is available to KCTCS students who choose to enroll in the fully online program. Visit our website for more information about the [Health Science Accelerated Online 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 must have an overall GPA of 2.0, earn a C or better in major courses, and meet all prerequisites for courses and requirements for the major. An associate of applied science (AAS) degree or equivalent from a regionally accredited institution serves as an imbedded minor for the program.

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 PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT
TO NKU BS IN HEALTH SCIENCE (DEGREE COMPLETION TRACK) CHECKLIST**

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Category 1: KCTCS General Education Requirements

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
ENG 101	Writing I (WC)	3	ENG 101	
TBS XXX	Oral Communication (OC) (Pathway II requires completion of COM 181)	3	TBD XXX or CMST 101	
BIO 137	Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab (SL)	4	BIO 208/208L	
BIO 139	Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab (SL)	4	BIO 209/209L	
TBS XXX	Heritage or Humanities Course (AH)	3	TBD XXX	
MAT 150	College Algebra (QR)	3	(MAT 102 or MAT 103) + MAT 100T	
PSY 110	Introduction to Psychology (SB)	3	PSY 100	
PSY 223	Lifespan Psychology	3	PSY 321	
	Subtotal General Education Courses	26		

TBS XXX means to be selected by KCTCS student.

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

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.

Students must complete one of the pathways listed in Category 2 and Category 3 tables below to complete the AAS requirements.

Category 2: KCTCS AAS Requirements for Physical Therapist Assistant – Pathway 1

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
TBS XXX	Digital Literacy	0-3	TBD XXX	
PTA 101	Orientation to Physical Therapy Practice	5	HSC 100T	
PTA 125	Neuroanatomy for the PTA	1	HSC 100T	
PTA 150	Functional Anatomy and Kinesiology	6	HSC 100T	
PTA 160	Medical and Surgical Conditions in Physical Therapy	3	HSC 100T	
PTA 170	Clinical Practicum I	1	HSC 200T	
PTA 200	Modalities & Procedures in Physical Therapy	5	HSC 200T	
PTA 220	Physical Therapy Principles & Procedures	5	HSC 200T	
PTA 240	Clinical Practicum II	2	HSC 200T	
PTA 250	Neurological Rehabilitation in Physical Therapy	5	HSC 200T	
PTA 260	Seminar in Physical Therapy	2	HSC 200T	
PTA 280	Clinical Practicum III	5	HSC 300T	

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
	Subtotal AAS Requirement Courses	40-43		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	66-69		

Category 3: KCTCS AAS Requirements for Physical Therapist Assistant – Pathway 2

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
TBS XXX	Digital Literacy	0-3	TBD XXX	
AHS 105	Introduction to Health Occupations	3	HSC 100T	
PTA 1501	Functional Anatomy and Kinesiology Lab	3	HSC 100T	
PTA 1502	Functional Anatomy and Kinesiology Lecture	3	HSC 100T	
PTA 120	Basis Skills for the PTA	2	HSC 100T	
PTA 121	Basis Skills for the PTA Lab	2	HSC 100T	
PTA 160	Medical and Surgical Conditions in Physical Therapy	3	HSC 100T	
PTA 170	Clinical Practicum I	1	HSC 200T	
PTA 202	Therapeutic Modalities in Physical Therapy	2	HSC 200T	
PTA 203	Therapeutic Modalities in Physical Therapy Lab	2	HSC 200T	
PTA 222	Pathology & Rehabilitation of Orthopedic Conditions	2	HSC 200T	
PTA 223	Pathology & Rehabilitation of Orthopedic Conditions Lab	2	HSC 200T	
PTA 233	Pathology & Rehabilitation of Neurological & Pediatric Conditions Lab	2	HSC 200T	
PTA 234	Pathology & Rehabilitation of Neurological & Pediatric Conditions	2	HSC 200T	
PTA 240	Clinical Practicum II	2	HSC 200T	
PTA 253	Pathology & Rehabilitation of Special Populations and Conditions	1	HSC 300T	
PTA 255	Pathology & Rehabilitation of Special Populations and Conditions Lab	1	HSC 300T	
PTA 260	Seminar in Physical Therapy	2	HSC 300T	
PTA 280	Clinical Practicum III	5	HSC 300T	
	Subtotal AAS Requirement Courses	40-43		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	66-69		

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Category 4: NKU Additional General Education Courses

NKU Course	Course or Category	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
ENG 102	Written II	3	ENG 102	
TBS XXX	Self and Society	3		
TBS XXX	Culture and Creativity	3		

NKU Course	Course or Category	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
TBS XXX	Global Viewpoints	3		
	Subtotal General Education Credit Hours	12		

The KCTCS Heritage and Humanities course will likely transfer as a Culture and Creativity credit, but discuss your choice with an advisor to know for sure which NKU general education category it will fulfill. These courses could meet general education certification requirements.

Category 5: NKU Major Requirements for BS in Health Science

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
HHS 500	Teaching & Learning in Healthcare Education	3		
HIN 355	Foundations of Health Informatics	3		
HSC 410	Healthcare Management	3		
HSC 413	Aging in Today's Society	3		
HSC 415	Ethical and Legal Issues in Healthcare	3		
HSC 421	Healthcare Research	3		
HSC 440	Issues in Chronic Disease Management	3		
HSC 480	Global Perspectives in Healthcare	3		
HSC 510	Trends and Cultural Issues in Healthcare	3		
LDR 308	Leadership Development	3		
STA 205	Statistical Methods	3	STA 220 or (MAT 151 or STA 151 or MAT 161) + STA 251	
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	33		

Category 6: Additional Requirements at NKU

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
	Subtotal Elective (300/400 level) Hours	6-9		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	120		

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