



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate in Arts to
Bachelor of Science in Health Science Transdisciplinary Track

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate in Arts (AA) degree at a Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) institution and leads to the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Health Science Transdisciplinary 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) 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. In addition, there are eligibility requirements for the BS degree in Health Science Transdisciplinary Track:

- No academic deficiencies
- Minimum GPA of 2.50 (high school or 1-29 hours of college coursework)
- Minimum GPA of 2.30 (30 or more hours of college coursework)
- Evaluation of transfer credit hours and program planning is individualized; each student is assisted by a program advisor.

Students enrolled in the transdisciplinary track may be able to complete the program online with proper course selection.

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 each course counted toward the major, and meet all prerequisites for courses and requirements for the major. In some cases, students must complete a focus or minor as indicated on the pathway.

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 BS IN HEALTH SCIENCES TRANSDISCIPLINARY TRACK 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	Arts & Humanities (AH) – Heritage	3	TBD XXX	
PHI 110	Medical Ethics (AH)	3	PHI 220	
PSY 110	General Psychology (SB)	3	PSY 100	
COM 254	Introduction to Intercultural Communication (SB)	3	CMST 355	
PSY 230	Psychosocial Aspects of Death and Dying (SB)	3	HSR 314	
BIO 135	Basic Anatomy and Physiology with Laboratory (SL)	4	BIO 121/121L	
MAT 150 or MAT 151 or STA 151 or MAT 161	College Algebra (QR) or Intro to Applied Statistics (QR) or Intro to Applied Statistics (QR) or Statistics and Algebra (QR)	3	(MAT 102 or MAT 103) + MAT 100T or STA 100G or STA 100G or (MAT 101 + MAT 102)	
STA 220 or STA 251	Statistics (QR) or Applied Statistics (QR)	3	STA 205	
	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.

BIO 137 and BIO 139 (NKU's BIO 208 w/ Lab and BIO 209 w/ Lab) may be substituted for BIO 135.

STA 251 equates to STA 205 only with the completion of MAT 151, STA 151 or MAT 161.

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
PSY 298	Fundamentals of Psychopathology	3	PSY 333	

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
PSY 223	Developmental Psychology	3	PSY 321	
	Subtotal AA Requirement Courses	6		

Category 3: KCTCS Electives

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
	Digital Literacy	0-3		
	First-Year Experience	0-3		
HMS 220	Cultural Diversity in Human Services	3	HSR 303	
HST 101 or HST 102	Health Care Basic Skills I or Health Care Delivery & Management	3	HSC 101	
KHP 230	Human Health and Wellness	3	HEA 230	
NFS 101	Human Nutrition and Wellness	4	BIO 126	
HMS 102	Values of Human Services in a Contemporary Society	3	HSR 300	
COM 252	Introduction to interpersonal Communication	3	CMST 220	
TBS XXX	Elective (if needed)	0-1	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal Elective Courses	20		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	60		

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Category 4: NKU Major Requirements for the BS in Health Science Transdisciplinary Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
STA 205	Statistical Methods	3	STA 220 or (MAT 151 or MAT 161 or STA 151) + STA 251	x
BIO 121/121L or BIO 208/208L and BIO 209/209L	Diseases & the Systems they Affect (Lab) or Human Anatomy & Physiology I (Lab) & Human Anatomy & Physiology II (Lab)	4	BIO 135 or BIO 137 and BIO 139	x
TBS XXX	Choose 1 CHE or PHY course from approved list of Gen Ed (FOK) courses	3		
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 110	x
PHI 200 OR	Intro to Ethics OR	3	PHI 110	x

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PHI 220	Health Care Ethics			
HSC 101	Introduction to Health Professions	3	HST 101 OR HST 102	x
HSC 410	Healthcare Management	3		
HSC 413	Aging in Today's Society	3		
HSC 421	Healthcare Research	3		
HSC 440	Issues in Chronic Disease Management	3		
HSC 480	Global Perspectives of Health Care	3		
HHS 500	Teaching & Learning in Healthcare Education	3		
HEA 230 or BIO 125	Personal Health & Wellness or Biological Perspectives of Wellness	3	KHP 230	x
HEA 270	Community Health	3		
BIO 126	Human Nutrition	3	NFS 101	x
CMST 220 or CMST 303	Interpersonal Communication or Organizational Communication	3	COM 252	x
CMST 403 or HCOM 301 or HCOM 305	Health Communication or Health Communication or Patient-Provider Communication	3		
HIN 355	Foundations of Health Informatics	3		
LDR 300 or LDR 308	Foundations of Leadership or Leadership Development	3		
PSY 321	Lifespan Development	3	PSY 223	x
PSY 344	Industrial/Organizational Psychology	3		
Select 5: CMST 355 HSR 303 HSR 314 PSY 333 HSR 300	Select 5 (15 hours) electives from the health issues or life changes; culture; or additional electives categories in the course catalog.	15	COM 254 HMS 220 PSY 230 PSY 298 HMS 102	x x x x x
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	36		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at KCTCS	43		
	Total Major Credit Hours	79		

Category 5: Additional Requirements at NKU

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
	Subtotal Minor/Focus Hours Taken at NKU	12-24		
	Subtotal Elective (300/400 level) Hours	0-12		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	120		

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