



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate in Applied Science in Human & Social
Services to Bachelor of Science in Human Services and
Addictions

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Human & Social Services at a Kentucky Community and Technical College (KCTCS) institution and leads to the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Human Services and Addictions 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 a 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.

Degree Requirements for NKU

Students must successfully complete all required human services and addictions courses and all program-required supportive courses with a grade of C- or better and have a minimum GPA of 2.5 to graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Human Services and Addictions. At least 45 credit hours must be 300 level or above. Students must meet the pre-requisites for each course. At least 25 percent of the total required hours and the last 30 credit hours must be completed at NKU. Students must complete a minimum of 120 credit hours. 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 AAS IN HUMAN & SOCIAL SERVICES TO NKU BS IN HUMAN SERVICES AND ADDICTIONS CHECKLIST

Kentucky Community and Technical College System Institution

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 Intro to Interpersonal Communication (OC)	3	CMST 101 or CMST 220	
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)	
TBS XXX	Natural Science (NS) Note: A lab is required to be Gen Ed Certified	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Heritage/Humanities Course (AH)	3	TBD XXX	
PSY 223	Developmental Psychology (SB)	3	PSY 321	
PSY 110	General Psychology (SB)	3	PSY 100	
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (SB)	3	SOC 100	
	Subtotal General Education Courses	27		

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.

PSY 223 Developmental Psychology (NKU's PSY 321) will fulfill NKU's requirement for EDU 300.

Students who complete the above General Education Courses, including a science lab, and the statistics course and heritage/humanities course listed in category 2 will be Gen Ed certified.

Category 2: KCTCS AAS Requirements for Human & Social Services

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
DIL XXX	Digital Literacy	3	BIS 101	
HMS 101	Human Services Survey	3	HSR 100	
HMS 102	Values of Human Services in a Contemporary Society	3	HSR 300	
HMS 103	Theories and Techniques in Human Services	3	HSR 105	
HMS 104	Group Dynamics for Human Services	3	HSR 412	

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
HMS/SWK 220	Cultural Diversity in Human Services Note: HMS 220 recommended	3	HSR 303/ SWK 200T	
HMS 248 or HMS 251 or COE 199	Foundational Skills in Para-Prof. Practice or Clinical Practice in Human Services or Cooperative Education	3	HSR 205 or HSR 304 or CEP 300	
HMS/SWK 212/260	Technical Course: Crisis Intervention	3	HSR 312	
PSY 230	Technical Course: Psychosocial Aspects of Death and Dying	3	HSR 314	
STA 220 or STA 251	Elective: Statistics (QR) or Applied Statistics (QR)	3	STA 205	
TBS XXX	Elective: Choose one Heritage/Humanities Course (AH)	3	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal AAS Requirement Courses	33		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	60		

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

Northern Kentucky University

Category 3: NKU Major Requirements BS in Human Services and Addictions

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
EDU 300	Human Growth and Development	3	Satisfied by PSY 223	x
STA 205	Statistical Methods	3	MAT 150 and STA 220 OR (MAT 151 or MAT 161 or STA 151) and STA 251	x
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 110	x
HSR 100	Society and Human Services	3	HMS 101	x
HSR 105	Helping Skills and Techniques for Human Service Professionals	3	HMS 103	x
HSR 205	Case Management Skills - Human Service Professionals	3	HMS 248	x
HSR 300	Ethics & Issues in Human Service Profession	3	HMS 102	x
HSR 303	Multicultural Issues in Human Services	3	HMS 220	x
HSR 304	Field Experience and Seminar	3	HMS 250 or HMS 251	

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
HSR 305	Principles of Assessment in Human Services	3		
HSR 312	Crisis Intervention	3	HMS 212/ SWK 260	x
HSR 340	Intro to Substance Use in Human Services	3	HMS 210 + HMS 211 = HSR 340 + HSR 300T	
HSR 400	At-Risk Populations in Human Services	3		
HSR 404	Advanced Field Experience and Seminar	3		
HSR 412	Leadership Skills for Small Groups	3	HMS 104	x
HSR 416	Theories/Skills for Helping Professions	3		
HSR 430	Human Services Administration	3		
HSR 450	Diagnosis & Treatment: Sub Use Disorders	3		
Select 9 cr: COU 594 HSR 110 HSR 314 HSR 326 HSR 330 HSR 420 HSR 428 HSR 431 HSR 494 HSR 499 HSR 503 HSR 574 HSR 594	Select 9 credit hours of electives: Special Topics in Counseling (1-6 credits) Addiction and Society Death, Dying, and Grief Behavior Problems of Children Introduction to Disability Studies Process Addictions Family Systems Fundamentals of Nonprofit Management Selected Topics: Human Services & Addictions Independent Study (1-4 credits) LGBTQIA+ Issues in Human Services Grief and Loss Across the Lifespan Selected Topics in Human Services (1-3 credits)	9	PSY 230	X (need 6 more hours)
	Subtotal Major credits completed at NKU	33		
	Subtotal Major credits completed at KCTCS	30		
	Total credits toward the major	63		

Depending on course selection at KCTCS institution, students will have earned credit for HSR 205 or HSR 304 or COE 199. For the sake of the above, HSR 205 has been marked and counted. Actual hours may vary.

Category 4: Additional Requirements at NKU

	Category	Credits		
	Subtotal Minor/Focus Credit Hours:	12-24		
	Elective Hours:	3-15		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours:	120		

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