



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate in Applied Science in Education to
Bachelor of Arts in Middle Grades Education

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Education degree at a Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) institution and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Middle Grades Education 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. In addition, students must meet the following requirements for admission into Education. Courses in parentheses are KCTCS course equivalencies.

- 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 Middle Grades 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 AAS IN EDUCATION TO NKU BA IN MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION CHECKLIST

Kentucky Community and Technical College System

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	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 HIS 103	
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH) – Humanities; Refer to Category 4 for content-area options.	3	TBD XXX	
PSY 110	General Psychology (SB)	3	PSY 100	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences (SB); Refer to Category 4 for content-area options.	6	TBD XXX	
MAT 146 or MAT 150	Contemporary College Mathematics (QR) College Algebra (QR)	3	MAT 115 (MAT 102 or MAT 103) + MAT 100T	
TBS XXX	Natural Science Courses – at least one with a lab (SL/NS)	7	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal General Education 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.

General Education courses, where otherwise not specified, should be chosen based on content area choice. Refer to Category 4 list for options.

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 interested in mathematics as a content area should take MAT 150.

Category 2: KCTCS AAS Requirements for Education

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
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 + EDU 300T	
EDU 204	Technology in the Classroom	3	EDU 313	

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
TBD XXX	Technical or Support Electives – Select courses from your chosen content areas. See category 4 tables below.	15	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal AAS Requirement Courses	27		
	Total Associate Degree Credit Hours	61		

Students should work with their advisors to select general education and elective courses that will satisfy requirements in their chosen content tracks, when possible.

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Category 3: NKU Major Requirements for the BA in Middle Grades 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 304	Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum: Middle Grades	3		
EDU 305	Introduction to Education	2	EDU 201	x
EDU 309	Admission Field Experience Middle Grades	2		
EDU 313	Instructional Technology	3	EDU 204	x
EDU 316	Education in a Multicultural Society	3		Can be taken online before transfer
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 Schools	3	EDP 203	x
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 110	x
CMST 101	Public Speaking	3	COM 181	x
ENG 102	Advanced College Writing	3	ENG 102	x
EDU 345 EDU 346 EDU 347 EDU 348	Select two methods courses: Teaching Language Arts in Middle Grades Teaching Science in Middle Grades Teaching Math in Middle Grades Teaching Social Studies in Middle Grades	6		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
Select two content areas	Select two content area tracks: English/Communication Social Studies Mathematics Science Special Education (requires additional credit hours) Courses are listed in categories 4-8 tables below	48		
	Subtotal Education Credit Hours at NKU	35		
	Subtotal Education Credit Hours at KCTCS	20		
	Content Area Track Credit Hours at NKU	Varies		
	Content Area Track Credit Hours at KCTCS	Varies		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	125-149		

EDU 309 is waived if student provides documentation of 50 hours of field experience in an education setting. If EDU 309 is waived, student must complete EDU 334: Portfolio Development (1 credit).

Total credit hours is dependent on the content areas chosen and the courses within the content areas taken while at KCTCS.

Content Area Tracks

Students select two content area tracks from the following: English/Communication, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, and Special Education.

Category 4: NKU English/Communication Track Requirements

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
ENG 200	Understanding Literature	3	ENG 161 or ENG 202	
ENG 208	Survey of American Literature I	3	ENG 251	
ENG 209	Survey of American Literature II	3	ENG 252	
ENG 102	Advanced College Writing	3	ENG 102	x
ENG 371	Traditional Grammar	3		
ENG 530	Readings in the English Language	3		
CMST 310	Argumentation	3		
ENG 231 or ENG 331	Introduction to Creative Writing or Persuasive Writing	3	ENG 107 ENG 207	
	Subtotal NKU English/Communications Track Credit Hours	24		

Category 5: NKU Social Studies Track Requirements

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
HIS 102	History of the United States through 1877	3	HIS 108	x (or HIS 109)
HIS 103	History of the United States since 1877	3	HIS 109	
HIS 108	World History to 1500	3	HIS 101	
HIS 109	World History since 1500	3	HIS 102	
GEO 101	World Regional Geography	3	GEO 152	
PSC 102	Comparative Politics	3		
ECO 205	Economics for Teachers	3		
ANT 100 or SOC 100	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology or Introduction to Sociology	3	ANT 101 SOC 101	
	Subtotal NKU Social Studies Track Credit Hours	24		

Category 6: NKU Mathematics Track Requirements

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
MAT 110	Introduction to Probability	3		
MAT 112	Applied Calculus	3	MAT 170	
MAT 116	Arithmetic Structures for Middle Grade Teachers	3		
MAT 117	Algebra for Middle Grades Teachers	3		
MAT 141	Geometry I for K-8 Teachers	3	MAT 206	
MAT 240	Geometry II for K-8 Teachers	3		
STA 204	Statistics for Middle Grades Teachers	3		
Select 1: MAT 114 MAT 119 MAT 128 MAT 129 MAT 185 MAT 227	Select one course from the following: Finite Mathematics Pre-Calculus Mathematics Calculus A Calculus I Introductory Discrete Mathematics Calculus B	3-4	MAT 165 MAT 155 MAT 175	
	Subtotal NKU Mathematics Track Credit Hours	24		

Category 7: NKU Science Track Requirements

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
BIO 120/120L	Understanding the Living World	4	BIO 112/113	
CHE 112/112L	Chemistry and Society	4	CHE 120/125	
PHY 110	Introduction to Physics with Laboratory	4	PHY 151 + PHY 161 or PHY 171	

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
AST 110	Solar System Astronomy with Laboratory	4	AST 191 + AST 195	
GLY 110	The Face of the Earth with Laboratory	4	GLY 101/111	
Select 1: BIO 150/150L BIO 151/151L BIO 208/208L BIO 123 BIO 121/121L SCI 110 PHY 211 PHY 213 GLY 120/120L GLY 115 AST 115	Select one course from the following: Introduction to Biology I and lab Introduction to Biology II and lab Human Anatomy and Physiology I Human Ecology Diseases and the Systems They Affect Integrative Science General Physics with Laboratory I General Physics with Laboratory II This Dangerous Earth History of the Earth Stars, Galaxies, and Cosmology with Laboratory	3-4	BIO 114/115 BIO 150/151 BIO 116/117 BIO 152/153 BIO 137 BIO 120 BIO 135 PHY 211 PHY 213	
Subtotal NKU Science Track Credit Hours		24		

Note: If credit hour total for track is fewer than 24 hours, select additional elective hours from the list.

Category 8: NKU Special Education Track Requirements

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
EDS 364	Characteristics of Learning Disabilities	3		
EDS 365	Characteristics of Emotion/Behavioral Disorder	3		
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 362	Applied Behavior Analysis for Students with Disabilities	3		
EDS 464	Assessment Learning and Behavior Disorders	3		
EDS 472	Special Education Methods and Materials	3		
EDS 473	Special Education Field Experience	2		
EDU 493	Clinical Experience Middle Grades with Special Education	12		
MAT 116	Arithmetic Structures for Middle Grades Teachers	3		
MAT 141	Geometry I for K-8 Teachers	3	MAT 206	
Subtotal NKU Special Education Track Credit Hours		44		

Students who choose Special Education as their second track will need to complete EDU 493 as their clinical experience and will not need EDU 495.

Students who choose Special Education as one of their content tracks at NKU are not required to take *EDS 360 Students with Exceptionalities in Schools* and can replace *EDP 203* with another course at the KCTCS institution.

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