



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate in Arts to
Bachelor of Arts in English with Secondary Education

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 Arts (BA) in English with Secondary 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) 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, 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 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. Students wishing to be certified to teach English at the secondary level must complete the requirements for the B.A. in Secondary Education along with the requirements for a B.A. in English. 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 ENGLISH WITH SECONDARY EDUCATION 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	
ENG 102	Writing II (WC)	3	ENG 102	
COM 181	Basic Public Speaking (OC)	3	CMST 101	
TBS XXX	Arts and Humanities (AH) Heritage	3	TBD XXX	
ENG 161	Introduction to Literature (AH)	3	ENG 200	
PSY 110	General Psychology (SB)	3	PSY 100	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Course (SB) (other than PSY)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Course (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Quantitative Reasoning (QR)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Quantitative Reasoning or Natural Science (QR/NS)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Natural Science Course (SL)	4	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.

Category 2: KCTCS AA Requirements

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
ENG 261	Survey of Western Literature from the Greeks Through the Renaissance	3	ENG 206	
ENG 251	Survey of American Literature I	3	ENG 208	
	Subtotal AA Requirement Courses	6		

Category 3: KCTCS Electives

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
	First-Year Experience	0-3		
EDU 201	Introduction to American Education	3	EDU 305 + EDU 300T	
EDU 204	Technology in the Classroom	3	EDU 313	
EDP 202	Human Development and Learning	3	EDU 300	
EDP 203	Teaching Exceptional Learners in Regular Classrooms	3	EDS 360	

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
ENG 252	Survey of American Literature II	3	ENG 209	
ENG 221	Survey of English Literature I	3	ENG 202	
ENG 222	Survey of English Literature II	3	ENG 203	
	Subtotal Elective Courses	21-24		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	61-64		

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Category 4: NKU Major Requirements for the BA in English with Secondary 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 or EDU 354	Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum: Middle Grades or Read/Write Across Curriculum-Secondary	3		
EDU 305	Introduction to Education	2	EDU 201	x
EDU 311	Admission Field Experience Secondary	2		
EDU 313	Instructional Technology	3	EDU 204	x
EDU 316	Education in a Multicultural Society	3		
EDU 319	Classroom Climate Management Secondary	1		
EDU 324	Fundamentals of Secondary Education	1		
EDU 325	Educational Assessment Secondary	2		
EDU 393	Secondary Field Experience I	2		
EDU 396	Secondary Field Experience II	2		
EDU 496	Clinical Experience Secondary	12		
EDS 324	Instructional Planning for Inclusive Secondary Classrooms	3		
EDS 360	Students with Exceptionalities in School	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
ENG 200	Understanding Literature	3	ENG 161	x
ENG 202	Survey of British Literature I	3	ENG 221	x
ENG 203	Survey of British Literature II	3	ENG 222	x
ENG 204	Introduction to Writing Studies	3		
ENG 206	Western World Literature I	3	ENG 261	x
ENG 208	Survey of American Literature I	3	ENG 251	x
ENG 209	Survey of American Literature II	3	ENG 252	x

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
ENG 231	Introduction to Creative Writing	3	ENG 207	

ENG 250	Introduction to English Studies	3		
ENG 307	Diverse Voices in English Studies	3		
ENG 381 or ENG 382	Introduction to Linguistics or History of the English Language	3		
ENG 535	Teaching High School Writing	3		
ENG 537	Teaching High School Literature	3		
TBS XXX	Select any ENG course numbered 300 or higher that is not included in the courses above.	3		
TBD XXX	Intermediate level proficiency in a foreign language	0-6		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	56-62		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at KCTCS	38		
	Total Major Credit Hours	94-100		
	Elective Credit Hours	0-3		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	120-126		

Students pursuing a secondary education degree may also choose to concurrently complete a third major in special education. Students who enroll in the special education major are not required to take EDS 360 Students with Exceptionalities in School and can replace EDP 203 with another course at the KCTCS institution.

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