



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate in Applied Science in Education to
Bachelor of Arts or Science in a Teaching Discipline with Secondary 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 or Science (BA/BS) in a Teaching Discipline 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) 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 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 OR BS IN A TEACHING DISCIPLINE 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	
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	3	TBD XXX	
PSY 110	General Psychology (SB)	3	PSY 100	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences (SB)	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)	6-7	TBD XXX	
Subtotal General Education Courses		33-34		

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.

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	
TBD XXX	Technical or Support Electives – Select courses from your chosen teaching discipline.	15	TBD XXX	
Subtotal AAS Requirement Courses		27		
Total Associate Degree Credit Hours		61		

Students must demonstrate computer/digital literacy skills, either through completing a course or passing a test.

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

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Category 3: NKU Major Requirements for the BA in 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		
TBS XXX	Methods course(s) for chosen teaching field	3-6		
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
	Major courses in selected teaching field – see NKU catalog at www.nku.edu for major course requirements	varies		
	Subtotal Education Credit Hours at NKU	35		
	Subtotal Education Credit Hours at KCTCS	20		
	Teaching Discipline Major Credit Hours	Varies		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	Minimum of 120		

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.

Selected Teaching Fields

Students should refer to the content area department for specific content course requirements in the selected teaching field.

Art (P-12)

Biology (8-12)

Chemistry (8-12)

Earth/Space Science (8-12)

English (8-12)

Health Education (P-12) - must be paired with another certification area

Mathematics (8-12)

Music (P-12) - refer to Department of Music for degree requirements

Physical Education (P-12)

Physics (8-12)

Social Studies (8-12) - refer to Department of History and Geography for degree requirements

World Languages (P-12): French, Spanish, German

Note: Specific secondary education pathways in the KCTCS2NKU program have been created for Biology, Chemistry, English, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Spanish.

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