



TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate in Applied Science in Human Services to
Bachelor of Social Work

Overview

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

Note: To move on to Phase 2 in the path to a Bachelor of Social Work at NKU, students must earn a C- or better in six required pre-requisite courses (SWK 105, SWK 106, SWK 204, SWK 205, SWK 206, and a 3 hour statistics course) and have maintained a minimum overall GPA of 2.75.

Degree Requirements for NKU

To graduate with a Bachelor of Social Work, a student must successfully complete all required social work courses and all program required supportive courses with a grade of C- or better and have a minimum GPA of 2.75 or higher. 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. The AAS in Human Services will serve as an imbedded focus area counting toward degree requirements.

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 SERVICES TO NKU BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK 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	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 (SL)	3-4	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Heritage/Humanities Course (AH)	3	TBD XXX	
SWK 124	Introduction to Social Services (SB)	3	SWK 105	
PSY 110	General Psychology (SB)	3	PSY 100	
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (SB)	3	SOC 100	
	Subtotal General Education Courses	27-28		

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 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 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 200T	
HMS 220/ SWK 220	Cultural Diversity in Human Services	3	HSR 303/ HSR 200T	

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
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	
TBS XXX	Choose 6 hours Technical Courses (see catalog)	6	TBD XXX	
STA 220 or STA 251	Elective: Statistics (QR) or Applied Statistics (QR)	3	STA 205	
TBS XXX	Elective: Heritage/Humanities Course (AH)	3	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal AAS Requirement Courses	33		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	60-61		

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

It is recommended that students in the Gateway2NKU, MCTCS2NKU and Jefferson2NKU programs use one (or more) of their electives to take an NKU course toward their major. Students should work with their NKU advisor before enrolling in these courses.

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Category 3: NKU Major Requirements for Bachelor of Social Work

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
SWK 105	Social Work and the Community	3	SWK 124	x
SWK 106	Introduction to Social Justice	3		
SWK 204	Social Work Ethics	3		
SWK 205	Inclusion, Oppression, & Social Work	3		
SWK 206	Professional Communication	3		
STA XXX	Any 3 credit hours of Statistics	3	STA 220 or STA 251	x
SWK 303	Professional Interactional Skills	3		
SWK 304	Human Behavior in Childhood	3		
SWK 305	Practice with Individuals	3		
SWK 306	Contemporary Social Welfare Policy	3		
SWK 307	Human Behavior in Adulthood	3		
SWK 308	Social Work Research	3		
SWK 310	Practice with Families & Groups	3		
SWK 311	Practice with Communities & Organizations	3		
SWK 406	Field Experience I	5		
SWK 408	Field Experience II	5		
Select 9 cr: SWK 394 SWK 410	Select 9 credit hours from the following: Special Topics: Social Work (1-3 cr) Child Abuse	9		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
SWK 415	Child Welfare PCWCP I			
SWK 416	Child Welfare PCWCP II			
SWK 474	Safety in Social Work Practice (1-4 cr)			
SWK 494	Special Topics: Bachelor of Social Work (1-3 cr)			
SWK 499				
SWK 525	Independent Study (1-6 cr)			
SWK 565	Substance Use and Misuse			
SWK 568	Compassion, Empathy and Forgiveness			
SWK 572	Family-Directed Structural Model			
SWK 576	Forensic Social Work			
SWK 577	Social Work & the Law			
SWK 578	Social Work in Law Enforcement Settings			
SWK 579	Aging & Mental Health			
SWK 594	Gerontology			
SWK 595	Special Topics: Issues in Social Work (1-3 cr)			
	Social Work Study Abroad			
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours Taken at KCTCS	6		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours Taken at NKU	55		
	Total credit hours required for the major	61		

Category 4: Additional Requirements at NKU

	Category	Credits		
	Subtotal Elective Credit Hours:	4-5		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours:	120		

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