

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE

2025-2026

Associate of Arts in Elementary Education at Sinclair College to a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education at Northern Kentucky University

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate of Arts (AA) in Elementary Education degree at Sinclair College and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Elementary Education degree at Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

Degree Requirements for Sinclair College

To earn a degree at Sinclair College, a student must complete a minimum of 60 credit hours, attain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0, and earn a minimum of 20 credit hours at Sinclair College.

Admission Requirements for NKU

Students completing an associate degree with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher will be accepted into NKU.

Students wishing to enroll in the elementary education program must follow the admission guidelines for teacher education programs outlined by the College of Education. Courses in parentheses are Sinclair College course equivalents.

- A minimum overall GPA of 2.75
- A minimum grade of “B” in CMST 101 (COM 2211) and ENG 102 (ENG 1201)
- A minimum grade of “C” in all other pre-admission courses and required EDU and EDS courses which include EDU 300 (PSY 2242), EDU 305, EDU 313 (EDU 1103), and EDS 360 (EDU 1105).
- 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

Tuition and Scholarships

For information on tuition and scholarships, please visit <https://nku.edu/admissions/adult/online.html>

NKU Contact

For more information, students should contact Kim McCoy, Assistant Director of Transfer Services, at mccoyk8@nku.edu.

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 Elementary 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.

**SINCLAIR COLLEGE AA IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION TO
NKU BA IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION CHECKLIST**

Sinclair College

Category 1: Sinclair Requirements for the AA in Elementary Education

Sinclair Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
BIO 1111	General Biology I	4	BIO 1111 + BIO 1211 = BIO 120/L + BIO 100T	
BIO 1211	General Biology II	4	BIO 1111 + BIO 1211 = BIO 120/L + BIO 100T	
COM 2211	Effective Public Speaking	3	CMST 101	
ECE 1101	Introductory Child Development	3	EDU 300T	
ECE 2200	Families, Communities & Schools	3	EDU 320	
EDU 1100	Introduction to Education	3	EDU 300T	
EDU 1103	Educational Technology	3	EDU 313	
EDU 1105	Individuals with Exceptionalities	3	EDS 360	
ENG 1101	English Composition I	3	ENG 101	
ENG 1201	English Composition II	3	ENG 102	
GEO XXX	Ohio Transfer 36: Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective – select any GEO course	3	TBD XXX	
HIS 1102 or HIS 1112	United States History II or Western Civilization II	3	HIS 103 HIS 109	
LIT 2400	Children's & Adolescent Literature	3	ENG 386	
MAT 2415	Mathematics for Elementary Education I	5	MAT 140	
MAT 2435	Mathematics for Elementary Education II	4	MAT 141	
PSY 1100	General Psychology	3	PSY 100	
PSY 2242	Educational Psychology	3	EDU 300	
TBS XXX	Ohio Transfer 36: Arts & Humanities Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Any Course in Catalog Elective	3	TBD XXX	
Total Associate Degree Hours		62		

TBS XXX means to be selected by Sinclair College student.

TBD XXX means to be determined by NKU based on course selected at Sinclair College.

Northern Kentucky University

Category 2: NKU Major Requirements for the BA in Elementary Education

NKU Course	Course	Credits	Sinclair Course	Taken at Sinclair
EDU 104	Orientation: Education Profession/Program	1	Waived	x
EDU 300	Human Growth and Development	3	PSY 2242	x
EDU 302	Teaching of Reading	3		
EDU 305	Introduction to Education	2		
EDU 306	Teaching Elementary School Mathematics	3		
EDU 307	Admission Field Experience Elementary	2		
EDU 308	Teaching Elementary School Science	3		
EDU 310	Teaching Language Arts in Early Grades	3		
EDU 312	Teaching Social Studies in Early Grades	3		
EDU 313	Instructional Technology	3	EDU 1103	x
EDU 314	Classroom Management	3		
EDU 315	Educational Assessment: Elementary Schools	2		
EDU 316	Education in a Multicultural Society	3		
EDU 388	Elementary Field Experience I	2		
EDU 389	Elementary Field Experience II	2		
EDU 494	Clinical Experience Elementary	12		
EDS 322	Instructional Planning for Inclusive Elementary Classrooms	3		
EDS 360	Students with Exceptionalities in School	3	EDU 1105	x
HIS XXX	HIS Course	3	HIS 1102 or HIS 1112	x
GEO XXX	GEO course	3	Ohio Transfer 36: Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective	x
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 1100	x
CMST 101	Public Speaking	3	COM 2211	x
STA 113	Probability and Statistics with Elementary Education Applications	3		
BIO 120/120L	Understanding the Living World	4	BIO 1111 + BIO 1211	x
SCI 110	Integrative Science	4		
ENG 102	Writing and Research	3	ENG 1201	x
ARTE 280	Art for Elementary Education	3		
ENG 386	Children's Literature	3	LIT 2400	x
HEA 250	Health Education for Elementary Teachers	2		
MAT 140	Arithmetic Structures for Elementary Teachers	3	MAT 1510	x
MAT 141	Geometry I for K-8 Teachers	3	MAT 1520	x

NKU Course	Course	Credits	Sinclair Course	Taken at Sinclair
MUS 260	Music Fundamentals and Skills for Classroom Teachers	3		
PHE 250	Physical Education for Elementary Teachers	2		
TBD XXX	Electives	6	ECE 1101 ECE 2200	x
	Total NKU Major Credit Hours	107		
	Less Major Credit Hours from Sinclair	44		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	63		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	125		

EDU 104 and EDU 307 is waived if student provides documentation of 50 hours of field experience in an education setting. If EDU 307 is waived, student must complete EDU 334: Portfolio Development (1 credit).

Students pursuing an elementary education major may also choose to concurrently complete a second major in special education. *EDS 360 Students with Exceptionalities in Schools* is not required for special education majors, so EDU 1105 can be replaced with another course at Sinclair College. For courses leading to certification in special education, refer to the Bachelor of Arts with a major in special education program description in the NKU Course Catalog.

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