



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2024-2025

Associate in Arts to Bachelor of Arts in Special Education

Overview

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

Applying to the Gateway2NKU 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 Gateway CTC, enrolled in an associate degree program, plan to transfer to NKU, and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA at Gateway CTC.

Degree Requirements for GCTC

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) cultural competence course, 5) demonstration of digital literacy, 6) 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.

Undergraduate teacher candidates can apply to the College of Education once they have successfully completed 45 semester hours of required general studies coursework, including having successfully completed EDU 104 and PSY 100 (or an equivalent). Teacher candidates must complete the admission application, submit an FBI background check and create an account with the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB).

Applicants to the College of Education must meet the minimum GPA and entrance exam requirements. Three options are available:

Option 1

- Minimum GPA 2.75 overall (NKU & transfer combined)
- Minimum Exam Scores
 - o ACT Composite of 22; or

- o Combination of subject exams
 - § Reading: ACT 20 or Praxis 150
 - § English/Writing: ACT 18 or Praxis 158
 - § Mathematics: ACT 19 or Praxis 144

Option 2

- Minimum GPA 3.00 overall (NKU & transfer combined)
- Minimum Exam Scores
 - o Combination of subject exams with lower Praxis
 - § Reading: ACT 20 or Praxis 145
 - § English/Writing: ACT 18 or Praxis 153
 - § Mathematics: ACT 19 or Praxis 139

Option 3

- Minimum GPA 3.00 in most recent 30 attempted credit hours
- Minimum Exam Scores
 - o ACT Composite 22; or
 - o Combination of subject exams:
 - § Reading: ACT 20 or Praxis 150
 - § English/Writing: ACT 18 or Praxis 158
 - § Mathematics: ACT 19 or Praxis 144

For full admission, teacher candidates must register for remaining Foundations courses not yet completed (EDU 300, EDU 305, EDU 316 or equivalent). Each of these courses must be completed with a grade of 'C' or higher. They must also register for CMST 101 and/or ENG 316 or equivalent. These courses must be completed with a grade of 'B' or higher.

All application requirements must be completed by the deadlines posted, December 1st for Spring admission semester, and August 1st for Fall admission semester.

Degree Requirements for NKU

To successfully complete the Teacher Education degree program, the following requirements must be fulfilled:

- Successfully complete at least 120 semester hours, the last 30 of which must be earned at NKU.
- Successfully complete at least 45 semester hours of upper-division courses (those numbered at the 300 level or higher).
- Complete all requirements of the Foundation of Knowledge (general education) curriculum for the applicable catalog year. A checklist is provided to candidates.
- Complete all major curriculum requirements.
- Earn all of the following grade point averages
 - o 2.75 or higher for all college coursework combined
 - § Or, if admitted under the 30-hour rule, 2.75 or higher for all college coursework combined starting from the last 30 credit hours attempted before admission to the Teacher Education Program
 - o 2.75 or higher for all coursework attempted at NKU
 - § Or, if admitted under the 30-hour rule, 2.75 or higher for all coursework attempted at NKU starting from the last 30 credit hours attempted before admission to the Teacher Education Program.
 - o 2.75 or higher in all Professional Education Courses
 - o 2.75 or higher in all teacher field courses (where applicable)

- Successfully complete the Clinical Experience, the Teacher Work Sample, and the final portfolio check.

General Transfer Information

Students must complete the online application to NKU. There is no application fee for students who are transferring from GCTC.

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.

GCTC AA TO NKU BA IN SPECIAL EDUCATION CHECKLIST

Gateway Community and Technical College

Category 1: GCTC General Education Requirements

GCTC 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 & Humanities – Heritage (AH) course	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities – Humanities (AH)	3	TBD XXX	
PSY 110	General Psychology (SB)	3	PSY 100	
Taken at NKU	Education in a Multicultural Society (SB)	3	EDU 316	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
Taken at NKU	Integrative Science (SL)	4	SCI 110	
MAT 146 or MAT 150	Contemporary College Math (QR) or College Algebra (QR)	3	MAT 115 (MAT 102 or MAT 103) + MAT 100T	
MAT 206	Mathematics for Elementary and Middle School Teachers II (QR)	3	MAT 141	
	Subtotal General Education Courses	34		

TBS XXX means to be selected by GCTC 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.

MAT 146 or MAT 150 is a prerequisite for MAT 205 and MAT 206 at Gateway. A grade of A or B in MAT 150 equates to MAT 103 + MAT 100T at NKU. A grade of C or D in MAT 150 equates to MAT 102 + MAT 100T.

Category 2: GCTC AS Requirements

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
ASL 101U or SED 101	American Sign Language I (FL) or Sign Language I (FL)	3	ASL 110	
ASL 102U or SED 102	American Sign Language II (FL) or Sign Language II (FL)	3	ASL 111	
	Subtotal AS Requirement Courses	6		

Category 3: GCTC Electives

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
FYE 105	Achieving Academic Success	3	UNV 100T	
EDP 202	Human Development and Learning	3	EDU 300	

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
EDU 204	Technology in the Classroom	3	EDU 313	
EDU 201	Introduction to American Education	3	EDU 305	
EDU 240 or EDU 270	Elementary and Middle School Literature or Elementary School Literature	3	ENG 386	
MAT 205	Mathematics for Elementary and Middle School Teachers I	3	MAT 140	
Taken at NKU	Probability and Statistics with Elementary Education Applications	3	STA 113	
	Subtotal Elective Courses	21		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	61		

Degree Requirement: One course must be selected from the KCTCS identified Cultural Competence course list in the KCTCS catalog.

Northern Kentucky University

Category 4: NKU Major Requirements for the BA in Special Education

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
ASL 110	Beginning American Sign Language I	3	ASL 101U or SED 101	x
CMST 101	Public Speaking	3	COM 181	x
EDS 322 or EDS 323 or EDS 324	Instructional Planning for Inclusive Elementary Classrooms or Instructional Planning for Inclusive Middle Level Classrooms or Instructional Planning for Inclusive Secondary Classrooms	3		
EDS 326	Admissions Field Experience Special Education	2		
EDS 362	Applied Behavior Analysis for Students with Disabilities	3		
EDS 364	Characteristics of Learning Disabilities	3		
EDS 365	Characteristics of Emotional/Behavioral Disorder	3		
EDS 464	Assessment Learning and Behavior Disorders	3		
EDS 472	Special Education Methods and Materials	3		
EDS 473	Special Education Field Experience	2		
EDS 490	Clinical Field Experience in Special Education	12		
EDS 561	Intellectual and Orthopedic Disabilities	3		
EDS 570	Working with Families of Students with Disabilities	3		
EDS 572	Secondary Special Education Programs	3		
EDU 104	Orientation: Education Profession/Program	1		
EDU 107	Foundational Math for Elementary and Middle Grades	1		
EDU 300	Human Growth and Development	3	EDP 202	x
EDU 302	Teaching of Reading	3		
EDU 305	Introduction to Education	2	EDU 201	x

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
EDU 310	Teaching Language Arts in Early Grades	3		
EDU 313	Instructional Technology	3	EDU 204	x
EDU 316	Education in a Multicultural Society	3	Taken at NKU	x
EDU 388	Elementary Field Experience I	2		
ENG 102	Writing and Research	3	ENG 102	x
ENG 386	Children's Literature	3	EDU 240 or EDU 270	x
MAT 140	Arithmetic Structures for Elementary Teachers	3	MAT 205	x
MAT 141	Geometry I for K-8 Teachers	3	MAT 206	x
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 110	x
SCI 110	Integrative Science	4	Taken at NKU	x
STA 113	Probability and Statistics with Elementary Education Applications	3	Taken at NKU	x
Select 12 credits:	Select Guided Electives for 12 credit hours. Courses are 3 credits unless indicated otherwise.			
ASL 111	Beginning American Sign Language II		ASL 102U or SED 102	x
ASL 201	American Sign Language III			
ASL 202	American Sign Language IV			
ASL 326	Deaf Culture and Community			
ASL 327	Deaf History in America			
ASL 400	Aspects of Deaf Life			
COU 575	Mindfulness and Contemplative Practices			
EDS 452	Education, Advocacy and Dis/Ability (1 credit)			
EDS 453	Mentoring Field Experience (2 credits)			
EDS 551	Assistive Technology in the Classroom			
EDU 517	Teaching of Phonics in Elementary/Middle			
EDU 522	The Mindful Helping Professional (1-4 credits)			
EDU 523	The Mindful Leader			
EDU 594	Topics: Education (1-3 credits)			
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	62		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at GCTC	42		
	Total Major Credit Hours	104		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	123		

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