



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate in Applied Science in Computer and Information Technologies –
Information Security Track to
Bachelor of Science in Information Technology – All Tracks

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Computer and Information Technologies (Information Security Track) degree at the Gateway Community and Technical College (GCTC) and leads to the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Information Technology 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. 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.

The Cloud and Systems Administration, Network and System Administration, General, and Cybersecurity tracks are offered both face-to-face and online.

Degree Requirements for NKU

To earn a bachelor's degree at NKU, students must

1. Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours

2. Complete at least 25% of the credit hours required at NKU
3. Complete the last 30 credit hours at NKU
4. Complete at least 45 credit hours numbered 300 or above
5. Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA across all major coursework
6. Meet all requirements for the major
7. Completion of a minor, focus, or second major (if required by major)

In some cases, students must complete a focus or minor as indicated on the pathway.

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 annual scholarships (fall and spring only). 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..

Tuition and scholarship information specific to transfer students can be viewed on the [NKU Adult & Transfer Center website](#).

Credits for Certifications: Students with a current certification at the time of registering for classes will receive credit for equivalent NKU courses based on the following course mappings.

Amazon Web Services (AWS)

NKU students who have completed and passed the AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner certification will receive credit for an equivalent NKU course. Students must submit proof of successful completion of the program. The chart below shows the semester credit hours and the equivalent NKU course.

EXAMINATION	EQUIVALENT NKU COURSE	TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS
AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner	CIT 300T Computer Information Technology Transfer Elective	3

Cisco

NKU students who have taken and passed an examination from Cisco and hold a current certification (at the time of registering for classes) will receive credit for an equivalent NKU course. The chart below shows the semester credit hours and the equivalent NKU course.

EXAMINATION	EQUIVALENT NKU COURSE	TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS
CCNA Exam (200-301)*	CIT 247 Networking Fundamentals CIT 447 Network Design/Troubleshooting	6
CCNP Security Core Exam (350-701)*	CYS 484 Network Security	3

Certified Entry Networking	CIT 247 Networking Fundamentals	3
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*Credit given for exams taken after Summer 2020

Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA)

NKU students who have taken and passed an examination from CompTIA, and hold a current certification (at the time of registering for classes) will receive credit for an equivalent NKU course. The chart below shows the semester credit hours and the equivalent NKU course.

EXAMINATION	EQUIVALENT NKU COURSE	TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS
Security+ (versions SY0-501 and later)	CYS 285 Cybersecurity Fundamentals	3
Network+	INF 284 Introduction to Computer Networks	3
Linux+	CIT 371 Unix Systems	3

Note: Students with Security+ exams SY0-401 and before will be required to take CYS 285.

**GCTC AAS IN COMPUTER & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES – INFORMATION SECURITY TRACK
TO NKU BS IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 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	
MAT 150*	College Algebra (QR)	3	(MAT 102 or MAT 103) + MAT 100T	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences (SB) -JUS 101U recommended	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH) Heritage or Humanities	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Natural Science Course (NS)	3	TBD XXX	
Subtotal General Education Courses		15		

TBS XXX means to be selected by GCTC student.

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

Students can take MAT 150 + STA 220 to satisfy the QR general education requirement at Gateway and the STA 205 requirement for the major at NKU. 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.

Students who do not complete a science course with a lab may be required to take an additional science with a lab at NKU.

Category 2: GCTC AAS Requirements for Computer & Information Technologies – Information Security Track

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
CIT 105	Introduction to Computers	3	INF 101	
CIT 111	Computer Hardware and Software	4	CIT 130	
CIT 120	Computational Thinking	3	CIT 120 + CIT 149 + INF 120 + CSC 260	
CIT 160	Intro to Networking Concepts (Level I Networking)	4	INF 284	
CIT 170	Database Design Fundamentals	3	INF 282	
CIT 180	Security Fundamentals	3	CIT 180 + CIT 182 = CYS 285	
CIT 170	Microsoft Server Configuration (CIT Technical)	3	CIT 200T	

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
CIT 149	Java I (Level I Programming Language)	3	CSC 260	
CIT 290 or CIT 291	Internship or CIT Capstone	3	ISBA 310	
CIT 182	Perimeter Defense	3	CIT 180 + CIT 182 = CYS 285	
CIT 184	Attacks and Exploits	3	CYS 330	
CIT 227	Introduction to UNIX/Linux Administration	3	CIT 371	
CIT 275	Administering Windows Server Hybrid Core Infrastructure	3	CIT 271	
CIT 279	Configuring Windows Server Hybrid Advanced Services	3	CIT 300T	
CIT 284	Computer Forensics	3	CYS 430	
CIT 299	CIT Professionalism	3	INF 201	
Total Associate Degree Hours		62		

Category 3: Additional Gateway Requirements for Core General Education Certification

In addition to completing the requirements of the AAS degree, students can complete additional courses from these categories in order to satisfy the general education requirements at NKU. If a student completes the AAS degree and transfers on to NKU, they will need to take six general education courses in addition to the required major courses.

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Taken at GCTC
ENG 102	Writing II (WC)	3	ENG 102	
TBS XXX	Oral Communication (OC)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH) Heritage or Humanities (depending on Gen Ed selected above)	3	TBD XXX	
STA 220	Statistics (QR)	3	STA 205	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Science (SB) (different from the discipline taken in Category 1)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Choose either an additional Natural Science course or an additional Social & Behavioral Science course	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Natural Science Laboratory (SL)	1	TBD XXX	
Subtotal General Education Credit Hours		19		

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Category 4: NKU Additional General Education Courses (if not met at GCTC)

NKU Course	Course or Category	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
ENG 102	Writing II	3	ENG 102	
TBS XXX	Oral Communication	3	COM 181	
TBS XXX	Science with Lab	4		
TBS XXX	Self & Society	6		
TBS XXX	Culture & Creativity	3		
TBS XXX	Global Viewpoints	3		
	Subtotal General Education Credit Hours	22		

Category 5: NKU Major Requirements for BS in Information Technology

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
INF 100	Orientation to College of Informatics	1	Waived for students with AAS degree	
INF 120	Elementary Programming	3	CIT 120 + CIT 149	x
INF 282	Introduction to Databases	3	CIT 170	x
INF 284	Introduction to Computer Networks	3	CIT 160 or CIT 161	x
INF 286	Introduction to Web Development	3	CIT 150 or CIT 155	
CIT 130	Information Technology Fundamentals	3	CIT 111	x
CIT 171	Introduction to Linux	1	Waived if completed CIT 227	x
CIT 271	Windows Administration	3	CIT 275	
CIT 371	Linux System Administration	3	CIT 227	x
CIT 383	Scripting I	3		
CYS 285	Cybersecurity Fundamentals	3	CIT 180 + CIT 182	x
STA 205 or STA 250	Statistical Methods or Probability and Statistics	3	STA 220	
PHI 310	Information Ethics	3		
ENG 347	Technical Writing	3	ENG 204	
	Select one track from following tracks: Network and Administration Track Cloud and System Administration Track Cybersecurity Track General Track (Required courses are listed in Categories 7 - 10 tables below.)	18	CIT 184 = CYS 330 CIT 279 = CIT 300T CIT 284 = CYS 430	9-15 still needed
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	24-30		
	Subtotal Credit Hours GCTC	62		
	Total Major Credit Hours	50-56		

Category 6: Additional Requirements at NKU

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
	Subtotal Minor Credit Hours	12-24		
	Minimum Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	133-148		

Notes: Any NKU focus or minor may be selected. Information Systems and Computer Science are common choices and require 9-15 additional credit hours beyond the courses taken for the major.

Depending on track, focus/minor, and courses chosen, students may need additional electives to meet the 45-hour upper-level graduation requirement. Work with your NKU advisor to make sure you meet all graduation requirements.

Category 7: NKU Major Requirements for the Network and System Administration Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
CIT 247	Networking Fundamentals	3	CIT 167	
CIT 438	Cloud Computing	3	CIT 206 + CIT 207	
CIT 447	Network Design/Troubleshooting	3		
CIT 470	Advanced Network and System Administration	3		
CYS 484	Network Security	3		
TBS XXX	Select one 300/400-level CIT course not included above. CSC 481 can count toward this elective.	3	CIT 279 = CIT 300T	x
	Additional Credit Hours for Track	18		

Category 8: NKU Major Requirements for the Cloud and System Administration Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
CIT 436	Web Server Administration	3		
CIT 438	Cloud Computing	3	CIT 206 + CIT 207	
CIT 470	Advanced Network and System Administration	3		
CIT 472	Database Administration	3		
TBS XXX	Select six hours of CIT 300/400 level courses not listed above; CYS 439 and CSC 481 can count toward these electives.	6	CIT 279 = CIT 300T	x (3 cr hrs still needed)
	Additional Credit Hours for Track	18		

Category 9: NKU Major Requirements for the Cybersecurity Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
CYS 330	Introduction to Ethical Hacking	3	CIT 184	x
CYS 385	Cybersecurity Analysis I	3		
CYS 484	Network Security	3		
CYS 485	Advanced Cybersecurity	3		
TBS XXX	Select two 300/400-level CIT or CYS courses not included above; ISBA 382, CSC 481; CSC 482, and CSC 483 may count toward these electives	6	CIT 279 = CIT 300T CIT 284 = CYS 430	x
Additional Credit Hours for Track		18		

Category 10: NKU Major Requirements for the General Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
CIT 436 or CIT 438	Web Server Administration or Cloud Computing	3		
CIT 470 or CIT 472	Advanced Network and System Administration or Database Administration	3		
CYS 330 or CYS 385	Introduction to Ethical Hacking or Cybersecurity Analysis I	3	CIT 184 = CYS 330	x
TBS XXX	Select 9 credit hours of 300/400 CIT or CYS coursework not taken above. CIT 247 and CSC 481 may count toward these electives. No more than 6 hours may be taken from CIT/CYS 392/399/492/499.	9	CIT 279 = CIT 300T CIT 284 = CYS 430	x (3 cr hrs still needed)
Additional Credit Hours for Track		18		

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