



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate in Arts to Bachelor of Arts in Psychological Science

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for an Associate in Arts (AA) at Gateway Community and Technical College (GCTC) and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Psychological Science 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, enrolled in an associate degree program, plan to transfer to NKU, and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA at Gateway.

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, and 5) 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.

This major can be completed face-to-face or online. If completed fully online, courses are offered in seven-week formats. Tuition for online accelerated programs differs from face-to-face tuition. Scholarship pricing is available to GCTC students who choose to enroll in the fully online program. Visit our website for more information about the [Psychology Accelerated Online 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 must have an overall GPA

of 2.0 and meet all prerequisites for courses and requirements for the major. In some cases, students must complete a focus or minor as indicated on the pathway.

Psychological Science majors must have a grade of C- or better in all courses applied toward certification of the major or minor, as well as an overall 2.00 GPA in the discipline. They are required to participate in a standardized assessment test given by the department prior to graduating. Transfer students in the Department of Psychological Science are required to complete 21 hours in psychology at NKU.

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.

GCTC AA TO NKU BA IN PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE

Gateway Community and Technical College

Category 1: GCTC General Education Core 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	
TBS XXX	Oral Communication Course (OC)	3	TBD XXX	
MAT 151	Intro to Applied Statistics (QR)	3	STA 100G	
STA 251	Applied Statistics (QR)	3	STA 205	
TBS XXX	Natural Science Course with Lab (SL)	4	TBD XXX	
PSY 110	General Psychology (SB)	3	PSY 100	
PSY 223	Lifespan Psychology (SB)	3	PSY 321	
FAM 253	Human Sexuality: Development, Behavior, and Attitudes (SB)	3	PSY 315	
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH) – Heritage	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH) – Humanities	3	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal General Education Core 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.

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

Category 2: GCTC AA Requirements

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
TBS XXX	Foreign Language	3-4	TBD XXX	
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	Subtotal AA Requirement Courses	6-8		

Foreign language courses including American Sign Language meet the requirement for Track A in the Psychological Science major at NKU. See pages 4 and 5 for more info on Track A and Track B.

Category 3: GCTC Electives

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
CIT 105 or OST 105*	Intro to Computers or Intro to Information Systems	3	BIS 101	
FYE 105 or FYE 110	Achieving Academic Success	3	UNV 100T	
PSY 298	Fundamentals of Psychopathology	3	PSY 333	

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
PSY 297	Psychology of Aging	3	PSY 200T	
Taken at NKU	Research Methods and Lab	5	PSY 210	
Taken at NKU	Career Planning for Psychology Majors	1	PSY 210R	
Taken at NKU	Additional PSY Elective	3		
	Subtotal Elective Courses	21		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	61-63		

If completing digital literacy using other means, additional credits will be required in order to fulfill elective requirements.

*If a student completes FYE 110, they will not be required to take a separate digital literacy course, as FYE 110 fulfills both the college success requirement and Digital Literacy requirements.

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Category 4: NKU Major Requirements for BA in Psychological Sciences

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
STA 205	Statistical Methods	3	MAT 151 and STA 251	x
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 110	x
PSY 210 or PSY 211 and PSY 212	Research Methods and Lab or Research Methods A and Research Methods B	5		x
PSY 210 R	Career Planning for Psychology Majors	1		x
PSY 305	Psychological Testing & Measurement	3		
PSY 311	Biopsychology	3		
PSY 321	Lifespan Development	3	PSY 223	x
PSY 333	Abnormal Psychology	3	PSY 298	x
PSY 337	Learning and Behavior	3		
PSY 338	Cognitive Processes	3		
PSY 340	Social Psychology	3		
TBS XXX	Select five PSY courses (total at least 13 credit hours). At least three of these courses must be at the 300 or 400 level. Optional two-credit hour laboratory classes may be included in this category.	13	FAM 253 PSY 297 PSY elective at NKU	x (need 4 more credits)
TBS XXX	A minimum of 6 credit hours in any foreign language or its equivalent. (Track A)	6		x
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	19		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at GCTC	33		
	Total Major Credit Hours	52		

Track A – (Shown above) Students complete any combination of 6 credit hours of a foreign language including American Sign Language.

Track B – Students can complete 3 credit hours in a study-abroad program approved by the NKU Office of Education Abroad. This course does not have to be in psychology. If the study abroad course is in psychology, then it may also count as an elective for the major (included in the 13 hours of elective credits).

Category 5: Additional Requirements at NKU

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
	Subtotal Minor Credit Hours Taken at NKU	12-24		
	Subtotal Elective (300/400 level) Hours	14-28		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	120		

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