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## TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

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### TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE

2025-2026

#### Associate in Arts to Bachelor of Science 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 Science (BS) 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.

##### ***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. 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 BS 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 (OC)                                    | 3         | TBD XXX    |           |
| TBS XXX     | Arts and Humanities (AH) Heritage                          | 3         | TBD XXX    |           |
| TBS XXX     | Arts and Humanities (AH) Humanities                        | 3         | TBD XXX    |           |
| FAM 253     | Human Sexuality: Development, Behavior, and Attitudes (SB) | 3         | PSY 315    |           |
| PSY 110     | General Psychology (SB)                                    | 3         | PSY 100    |           |
| PSY 223     | Lifespan Psychology (SB)                                   | 3         | PSY 321    |           |
| MAT 151     | Introduction to Applied Statistics                         | 3         | STA 100G   |           |
| STA 251     | Applied Statistics (QR)                                    | 3         | STA 205    |           |
| TBS XXX     | Natural Science Course (SL)                                | 4         | TBD XXX    |           |
|             | <b>Subtotal General Education Courses</b>                  | <b>34</b> |            |           |

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 |
|-------------|----------------------------------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| PSY 298     | Fundamentals of Psychopathology        | 3        | PSY 333    |           |
| PSY 297     | Psychology of Aging                    | 3        | PSY 200T   |           |
|             | <b>Subtotal AA Requirement Courses</b> | <b>6</b> |            |           |

Foreign language courses meet requirement for Track A in Psychological Science major at NKU. See page 4 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* | Introduction to Computers or Intro to Information Systems | 3       | BIS 101    |           |
| FYE 105 or FYE 110  | Achieving Academic Success                                | 3       | UNV 100T   |           |
| INF 120             | Elementary Programming                                    | 3       | INF 120    |           |
| Taken at NKU        | Research Methods and Lab                                  | 5       | PSY 210    |           |

| GCTC Course  | Course or Category                    | Credits   | NKU Course | Completed |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Taken at NKU | Career Planning for Psychology Majors | 1         | PSY 210R   |           |
| Taken at NKU | Psychological Testing & Measurement   | 3         | PSY 305    |           |
| Taken at NKU | Animal Learning                       | 3         | PSY 337    |           |
|              | <b>Subtotal Elective Courses</b>      | <b>21</b> |            |           |
|              | <b>TOTAL Associate Degree Hours</b>   | <b>61</b> |            |           |

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 a BS in Psychological Sciences

| NKU Course                     | Course                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Credits      | GCTC Course                    | Taken at GCTC              |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| STA 205                        | Statistical Methods                                                                                                                                                                                      | 3            | (MAT 151 or MAT 161) + 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            | NKU Course                     | x                          |
| PSY 210 R                      | Career Planning for Psychology Majors                                                                                                                                                                    | 1            | NKU Course                     | x                          |
| PSY 305                        | Psychological Testing & Measurement                                                                                                                                                                      | 3            | NKU Course                     | x                          |
| 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            | NKU Course                     | x                          |
| 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<br>PSY 297             | X<br>(need 7 more credits) |
| TBS XXX                        | Students must select either Track A or Track B. Required track courses are in the tables labeled Categories 6-7 tables below.                                                                            | 7-8          |                                | x<br>(need 4-5 more)       |
|                                | <b>Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU</b>                                                                                                                                                                | <b>20-21</b> |                                |                            |
|                                | <b>Subtotal Major Credit Hours at KCTCS</b>                                                                                                                                                              | <b>33</b>    |                                |                            |
|                                | <b>Total Major Credit Hours</b>                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>53-54</b> |                                |                            |

**Category 5: Additional Requirements at NKU**

| NKU Course | Course                                          | Credits      | GCTC Course | Taken at GCTC |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
|            | <b>Subtotal Minor Credit Hours Taken at NKU</b> | <b>12-24</b> |             |               |
|            | <b>Subtotal Elective (300/400 level) Hours</b>  | <b>14-27</b> |             |               |
|            | <b>Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours</b>  | <b>120</b>   |             |               |

**Category 6: NKU Track A Requirements for the BS in Psychological Science**

| NKU Course                                                                             | Course                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Credits  | GCTC Course                          | Taken at GCTC |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Select 1:<br>MAT XXX<br>STA XXX<br>PSY 410<br>INF 120<br>INF 282<br>CSC 260<br>CSC 325 | Select one course from the following:<br>MAT course at the 100-level or above<br>STA course at the 100-level or above (not STA 205)<br>Advanced Research Methods<br>Elementary Programming<br>Introduction to Databases<br>Object-Oriented Programming<br>Introduction to Neural Networks and A.I. | 3        | CIT 149 or<br>CIT 238<br><br>CIT 170 | x             |
| Select 2:<br>PSY 311L<br>PSY 321L<br>PSY 338L<br>PSY 340L<br>PSY 465L                  | Select two courses from the following:<br>Biopsychology Laboratory<br>Developmental Science Laboratory<br>Cognitive Processes Laboratory<br>Social Psychology Laboratory<br>Health Psychology Laboratory                                                                                           | 4        |                                      |               |
|                                                                                        | <b>Subtotal Track A Credit Hours</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>4</b> |                                      |               |

**Category 7: NKU Track B Requirements for the BS in Psychological Science**

| NKU Course                                                                           | Course                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Credits  | GCTC Course                                            | Taken at GCTC      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Select 2:<br>STA 3/4/5XXX<br>PSY 410<br>INF 120<br><br>INF 282<br>CSC 260<br>CSC 325 | Select two courses from the following:<br>300/400/500-level Statistics course<br>Advance Research Methods in Psychology<br>Elementary Programming<br>Introduction to Databases<br>Object-Oriented Programming<br>Introduction to Neural Networks and A.I. | 6        | INF 120<br>CIT 170<br>CIT 149 or<br>CIT 238<br>CIT 170 | x<br>(need 3 more) |
| Select 1:<br>PSY 311L<br>PSY 321L<br>PSY 338L<br>PSY 340L<br>PSY 465L                | Select one course from the following:<br>Biopsychology Laboratory<br>Developmental Science Laboratory<br>Cognitive Processes Laboratory<br>Social Psychology Laboratory<br>Health Psychology Laboratory                                                   | 2        |                                                        |                    |
|                                                                                      | <b>Subtotal Track B Credit Hours</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>5</b> |                                                        |                    |

Note: Laboratory classes may be taken at the same time as the core class or at a later time, but students must complete PSY 201 Research Methods and Lab (5 credits) to take a laboratory. The laboratory classes listed here may also count as elective classes.

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