TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE
2025-2026

Associate in Arts to Bachelor of Social Work

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 Social Work (BSW) 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 25 percent of credit hours required for the degree earned at the institution awarding the degree
4. Demonstration of digital literacy.
5. College success requirement

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

Note: To move on to Phase 2 in the path to a Bachelor of Social Work at NKU, students must earn a C- or better in six required pre-requisite courses (SWK 105, SWK 106, SWK 204, SWK 205, SWK 206), and a 3 hour statistics course or the GCTC equivalent courses (SWK 124, SWK 106U, and STA 251 or STA 220) and have maintained a minimum overall GPA of 2.75.

Degree Requirements for NKU
To graduate with a bachelor's at NKU, a student must:
1. Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours
2. Complete at least 25% of the required courses at NKU

3. Complete the last 30 credit hours at NKU
4. Complete at least 45 credit hours numbered 300 level 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)

Special opportunities for our BSW students:
- Public Child Welfare Certification Program (PCWCP). PCWCP is a selective-admission, pre-employment opportunity for social work majors that pays in-state tuition for the last three or four semesters and pre-semester stipend benefits. PCWCP is a statewide collaboration among the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services and 11 Kentucky social work programs. The purpose of the program is to provide BSW the opportunity to receive advanced training in the area of child welfare protection and permanency. After graduation, PCWCP students are required to become employed by the Kentucky Department of Health & Family Services, Department of Child Protection & Permanency for a minimum of two years.
- Scholarship opportunities for social work majors. Information is available from the Office of Student Financial Assistance.
- Micro-credentials in specific social work areas:
  --Forensic social work
  --Gerontology

Special opportunities for BSW graduates:
- Ability to apply to admission for the advanced standing, one-year, MSW program (30 credit hours instead of 60 credit hours).
- Ability to obtain professional state social work license

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 annual scholarships (per 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.

GCTC AA TO NKU BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK CHECKLIST

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 & Humanities (AH) – Heritage	3	TBD XXX	
SWK 106U	Introduction to Social Justice (AH)	3	SWK 106	
SWK 124	Intro to Social Services (SB)	3	SWK 105	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Course (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Course (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Natural Science (SL)	4	TBD XXX	
MAT 151	Introduction to Applied Statistics (QR)	3	STA 100G	
TBS XXX	Natural Science (NS) or Quantitative Reasoning (OR)	3	TBD XXX	
	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.

Category 2: GCTC AA Requirements

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
TBS XXX	Arts and Humanities (AH), Social & Behavioral Sciences (SB), Oral Communications (OC), or Foreign Language (FL) elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Arts and Humanities (AH), Social & Behavioral Sciences (SB), Oral Communications (OC), or Foreign Language (FL) elective	3	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal AA Requirement Courses	**6**		

Category 3: GCTC Electives

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
CIT 105 or OST 105*	Introduction to Computing or Introduction to Information Systems	3	INF 101	
FYE 105 or FYE 110*	Achieving Academic Success or First Year Experience and Applications	3	UNV 100T	
Taken at NKU	Social Work Ethics	3	SWK 204	
Taken at NKU	Inclusion, Oppression, & Social Work	3	SWK 205	
Taken at NKU	Professional Communication	3	SWK 206	
TBS XXX or Taken at NKU	Elective or Child Welfare PCWCP I or Substance Use & Misuse	3	TBD XXX or SWK 415 or SWK 525	
TBS XXX	Elective	3	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal Elective Courses	**22**		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	**62**		

*If completing digital literacy by other means (FYE 110), additional credits will be required in order to fulfill elective requirements.

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Category 4: NKU Major Requirements for Bachelor of Social Work

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
SWK 105	Social Work and the Community	3	SWK 124	x
SWK 106	Introduction to Social Justice	3	SWK 106U	x
SWK 204	Social Work Ethics	3	Taken at NKU	x
SWK 205	Inclusion, Oppression, & Social Work	3	Taken at NKU	x
SWK 206	Professional Communication	3	Taken at NKU	x
STA XXX	Any 3 credit hours of Statistics	3	MAT 151	x
SWK 303	Professional Interactional Skills	3		
SWK 304	Human Behavior in Childhood	3		
SWK 305	Practice with Individuals	3		
SWK 306	Contemporary Social Welfare Policy	3		
SWK 307	Human Behavior in Adulthood	3		
SWK 308	Social Work Research	3		
SWK 310	Practice with Families & Groups	3		
SWK 311	Practice with Communities & Organizations	3		
SWK 406	Field Experience I	5		
SWK 408	Field Experience II	5		
Select 9 cr:	Select 9 credit hours from the following:	9		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
SWK 394	Special Topics: Social Work (1-3 cr)		Taken at NKU (3)	x
SWK 410	Child Abuse			
SWK 415	Child Welfare PCWCP I			
SWK 416	Child Welfare PCWCP II			
SWK 474	Safety in Social Work Practice (1-4 cr)			
SWK 494	Special Topics: Bachelor of Social Work (1-3 cr)			
SWK 499	Independent Study (1-6 cr)			
SWK 525	Substance Use and Misuse			
SWK 565	Compassion, Empathy and Forgiveness			
SWK 568	Family-Directed Structural Model			
SWK 572	Forensic Social Work			
SWK 576	Social Work & the Law			
SWK 577	Social Work in Law Enforcement Settings			
SWK 578	Aging & Mental Health			
SWK 579	Gerontology			
SWK 594	Special Topics: Issues in Social Work (1-3 cr)			
SWK 595	Social Work Study Abroad			
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	**44**		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at GCTC	**21**		
	Total Major Credit Hours	**61**		
	Subtotal of Additional Credit Hours Taken at GCTC	**40 or**		

Category 5: Additional Requirements at NKU

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTCS Course	Taken at GCTC
	Subtotal Minor or Electives Credit Hours Taken at NKU **2 must be 300 level or higher**	**19**		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	**120**		

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