TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE
2025-2026

Associate in Science to
Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education

Overview
Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate in Science (AS) degree at the Gateway Community and Technical College (GCTC) and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Elementary 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. Demonstration of digital literacy
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.

In addition, students must meet the following requirements for admission into the Elementary Education Program. Courses in parentheses are GCTC course equivalencies.
- 45 earned credit hours
  - EDU 104 with a grade of C or higher
  - PSY 100 (PSY 110)
  - CMST 101 (COM 181) with a grade of B or higher
  - ENG 102 (ENG 102) with a grade of B or higher
  - EDU 300 (EDP 202) with a grade of C or higher
  - EDU 305 (EDU 201) with a grade of C or higher
  - EDU 316 with a grade of C or higher

- 2.75 or higher overall GPA (all transfer & NKU coursework combined) - OR - 3.00 or higher GPA in your last 30 attempted credit hours
- Meet the entrance exam requirement through an approved combination of passing scores on the ACT and/or Praxis I Core Academic Skills for Educators exams*
  - ACT Comp. 22 -OR-
  - Reading (ACT: 20 -or- Praxis I: 150) and
  - Eng./Writing (ACT: 18 -or- Praxis I: 158) and
  - Mathematics (ACT: 19 -or- Praxis I: 144)
- Successful completion of a recent FBI criminal background check
- Completed Teacher Education Admission Application

*Minimum Praxis score is five (5) points lower for each subject exam if your overall GPA is 3.00 or higher.

*Passing ACT scores must be less than ten (10) years old at the date of admission to the teacher education program. Your date of admission occurs at the end of a successful admission semester, not at the beginning.

For the fall Admission Semester, the deadline to meet the above requirements must have them on file with the COE is August 1

For the spring Admission Semester, the deadline to meet the above requirements must have them on file with the COE is December 1

Registration for EDS 360, EDU 313 and Admission Field Experience (EDU 303, 307, 309, 311 or 334) may only be completed after all above requirements are met. Seats in the admission courses are limited. Therefore, to ensure the best course selection get your requirements completed early! Work with your COE advisor to ensure proper enrollment.

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 majoring in Elementary Education must maintain a GPA of 2.75 overall and in major courses and earn a minimum grade of C in all education courses. Students must meet the pre-requisites for each course. No minor is required for this major.

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.

GCTC AS IN EDUCATION TO NKU BA IN ELEMENTARY 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	
HIS XXX	Choose any HIS 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	
BIO 112/113	Introduction to Biology and Lab (SL)	4	BIO 120/120L	
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	3	MAT 141	
GEO 130	Earth's Physical Environment	3	GEO 108	
	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 205 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
Taken at NKU	Integrative Science	4	SCI 110	
Taken at NKU	Probability and Statistics with Elementary Education Applications	3	STA 113	
	Subtotal AS Requirement Courses	**7**		

Category 3: GCTC Electives

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
EDU 204	Technology in the Classroom	3	EDU 313	

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
FYE 105 or FYE 110	Achieving Academic Success or First Year Experience and Applications	3	UNV 100T	
EDP 202	Human Development and Learning	3	EDU 300	
EDP 203	Teaching Exceptional Learners in Regular Classrooms	3	EDS 360	
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	
	Subtotal Elective Courses	**21**		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	**62**		

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 Elementary Education

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
EDU 104	Orientation: Education Profession/Program	1	Waived	x
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
EDU 306	Teaching Elementary School Mathematics	3		
EDU 307	Admission Field Experience Elementary	2		
EDU 308	Teaching Elementary School Science	3		
EDU 310	Teaching Language Arts in Early Grades	3		
EDU 312	Teaching Social Studies in Early Grades	3		
EDU 313	Instructional Technology	3	EDU 204	x
EDU 314	Classroom Management	3		
EDU 315	Educational Assessment: Elementary Schools	2		
EDU 316	Education in a Multicultural Society	3	Taken at NKU	x
EDU 388	Elementary Field Experience I	2		
EDU 389	Elementary Field Experience II	2		
EDU 494	Clinical Experience Elementary	12		
EDS 322	Instructional Planning for Inclusive Elementary Classrooms	3		
EDS 360	Students with Exceptionalities in School	3	EDP 203	x
HIS XXX	HIS Course	3		x
GEO XXX	GEO course	3	GEO 130	x
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 110	x
CMST 101	Public Speaking	3	COM 181	x
STA 113	Probability and Statistics with Elementary Education Applications	3	Taken at NKU	x

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
BIO 120/120L	Understanding the Living World with Lab	4	BIO 112/113	x
SCI 110	Integrative Science	4	Taken at NKU	x
ENG 102	Writing and Research	3	ENG 102	x
ARTE 280	Art for Elementary Education	3		
ENG 386	Children's Literature	3	EDU 240 or EDU 270	x
HEA 250	Health Education for Elementary Teachers	2		
MAT 140	Arithmetic Structures for Elementary Teachers	3	MAT 205	x
MAT 141	Geometry I for K-8 Teachers	3	MAT 206	x
MUS 260	Music Fundamentals and Skills for Classroom Teachers	3	MUS 223	
PHE 250	Physical Education for Elementary Teachers	2		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	**51**		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours GCTC	**50**		
	Total Major Credit Hours	**101**		
	Total Elective Credit Hours	**7**		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	**120**		

EDU 307 is waived if student provides documentation of 50 hours of field experience in an education setting. If EDU 307 is waived, student must complete EDU 334: Portfolio Development (1 credit).

Students pursuing an elementary education major may also choose to concurrently complete a second major in special education. *EDS 360 Students with Exceptionalities in Schools* is not required for special education majors, so EDP 203 can be replaced with an elective course at Gateway. For courses leading to certification in special education, refer to the Bachelor of Arts with a major in special education program description in the NKU Course Catalog.

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