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# TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

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## TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2023-2024

Associate in Applied Science in Health Science Technology  
to Bachelor of Science in Health Science (Degree Completion Track)

### ***Overview***

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Health Science Technology degree at a Kentucky Community and Technical College (KCTCS) institution and leads to the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Health Science degree at Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

### ***Applying to the KCTCS2NKU 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 their KCTCS institution, enrolled in an associate degree program, plan to transfer to NKU, and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA at their KCTCS institution.

### ***Degree Requirements for KCTCS***

1) Minimum cumulative GPA 2.0, 2) minimum of 25 percent of credit hours required for the degree earned at the institution awarding the degree, and 3) 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. Students wishing to enroll in the Health Science Completer degree must have a minimum college GPA of 2.30. The Degree Completion Track is designed for students who have an earned associate degree in a health discipline looking to complete a bachelor's degree.

This major can be completed online. Courses are offered in seven-week formats. Tuition for online accelerated programs differs from face-to-face tuition. Scholarship pricing is available to KCTCS students who choose to enroll in the fully online program. Visit our website for more information about the [Health Science 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, earn a C or better in major courses, and meet all prerequisites for courses and requirements for the major. An associate of applied science (AAS) degree or equivalent from a regionally accredited institution serves as an imbedded minor for the program.

**Health Care Industry Certification Examinations:** Students who hold advanced credentials in radiologic technology or nuclear medicine (for example, CT, MRI, cardiovascular imaging, PET, etc.) or respiratory care (for example, polysomnography) may be awarded up to six hours of coursework at the 300 level or above that may be used toward their credit hour total. Advanced credentials must have been awarded by a recognized national organization, such as the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board, Board of Registered Polysomnography Technologists, the National Board for Respiratory Care, or the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography. [Visit testing services to learn more about the process for receiving credit.](#)

Prior learning credit is also available for radiographers who have graduated from an accredited radiography program, but who may not have coursework that transfers to NKU. Students must have passed the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists national examination, have maintained their certification and can provide documentation of current certification. These students may be awarded up to 50 hours of radiography professional coursework, dependent upon year of initial certification; award of credit will be posted to the student's transcript upon completion of the process. This advanced standing policy is limited to students completing the health science program. Credit hours earned under this policy may not be used to satisfy the residency requirements for graduation. Students who earn these credit hours must meet all prevailing university and program requirements for graduation.

### ***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.

**KCTCS AAS IN HEALTH SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY  
TO NKU BS IN HEALTH SCIENCE (DEGREE COMPLETION TRACK) CHECKLIST**

**Kentucky Community and Technical College System**

**Category 1: KCTCS General Education Requirements**

<b>KCTCS Course</b>	<b>Course or Category</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>NKU Course</b>	<b>Completed</b>
ENG 101	Writing I (WC)	3	ENG 101	
TBS XXX	Oral Communication Course (OC)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Heritage or Humanities Course (AH)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Social or Behavioral Science Course (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
MAT 150 or TBS XXX	College Algebra (QR) or Higher Level Quantitative Reasoning (QR)	3	(MAT 102 or MAT 103) + MAT 100T or TBD XXX	
PSY 110	General Psychology	3	PSY 100	
BIO 135	Basic Anatomy and Physiology W/Lab (SL)	4	BIO 121/121L	
	<b>Subtotal General Education Courses</b>	<b>22</b>		

TBS XXX means to be selected by KCTCS student.

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

A grade of A or B in MAT 150 equates to MAT 103 + MAT 100T. Grade of C or D in MAT 150 equates to MAT 102 + MAT 100T. Students interested in mathematics as a content area should take MAT 150. BIO 137 and BIO 139 (NKU's BIO 208 w/ Lab and BIO 209 w/ Lab) may be substituted for BIO 135.

**Category 2: KCTCS AAS Requirements for Health Science Technology**

<b>KCTCS Course</b>	<b>Course or Category</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>NKU Course</b>	<b>Completed</b>
TBS XXX	Digital Literacy	0-3	TBD XXX	
CLA 131 or MIT 103 or AHS 115	Medical Terminology from Greek or Latin or Medical Office Terminology OR Medical Terminology	3	UND 100T BIO 272	
CPR 100 or KHP 190	CPR for Healthcare Professionals OR First Aid and Emergency Care	0-2	HEA 100T HEA 135	
TBS XXX	Health Science Technical Courses	35	TBD XXX	
	<b>Subtotal AAS Requirement Courses</b>	<b>38-43</b>		
	<b>Total Associate Degree Hours</b>	<b>60-65</b>		

Health Science Technical Courses selection must result in final attainment of a minimum of three certificate credentials. Attainment of additional certificates may be awarded to complete the required hours in the Health Science Technical Courses. Please refer to the KCTCS catalog or work with your advisor on course selection.

### Category 3: Additional KCTCS 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 without completing these courses, they will need to take five 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	Heritage or Humanities Course (AH) (whichever was not taken above)	3	TBD XXX	
STA 220 or STA 251	Statistics (QR) or Applied Statistics (QR)	3	STA 205	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Science (from a different subject (PSY/SOC) taken above) (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Choose either an additional Natural Science course or an additional Social & Behavioral Science course	3	TBD XXX	
<b>Subtotal General Education Credit Hours</b>		<b>18</b>		

Students can either take the combination of MAT 151 and STA 251 or STA 220 to earn the STA 205 equivalency at NKU.

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#### Category 4: NKU Additional General Education Courses

NKU Course	Course or Category	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
ENG 102	Written II	3	ENG 102	
TBS XXX	Natural Science	3		
TBS XXX	Self and Society	3		
TBS XXX	Culture and Creativity	3		
TBS XXX	Global Viewpoints	3		
<b>Subtotal General Education Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>		

The KCTCS Heritage and Humanities course will likely transfer as a Culture and Creativity credit, but discuss your choice with an advisor to know for sure which NKU general education category it will fulfill.

If students choose the BIO 137 and BIO 139 option instead of BIO 135, they will fulfill both science general education requirements at NKU.

**Category 5: NKU Major Requirements for BS in Health Science**

<b>NKU Course</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>KCTCS Course</b>	<b>Taken at KCTCS</b>
CHP 500	Teaching & Learning in Healthcare Education	3		
HIN 355	Foundations of Health Informatics	3		
HSC 410	Healthcare Management	3		
HSC 413	Aging in Today's Society	3		
HSC 415	Ethical and Legal Issues in Healthcare	3		
HSC 421	Healthcare Research	3		
HSC 440	Issues in Chronic Disease Management	3		
HSC 480	Global Perspectives in Healthcare	3		
HSC 510	Trends and Cultural Issues in Healthcare	3		
LDR 308	Leadership Development	3		
STA 205	Statistical Methods	3	STA 220 or (MAT 151 or STA 151 or MAT 161) + STA 251	
<b>Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU</b>		<b>33</b>		

**Category 6: Additional Requirements at NKU**

<b>NKU Course</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>KCTCS Course</b>	<b>Taken at KCTCS</b>
<b>Subtotal Elective (300/400 level) Hours</b>		<b>15</b>		
<b>Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours</b>		<b>123</b>		

Elective credit at the 300-level may be granted after specific Health Science Technical Courses are evaluated by NKU, thus reducing total credit hours for the BS degree to 120.

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