



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate in Applied Science in Nursing
to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN)

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Nursing degree at Gateway Community and Technical College (GCTC) and leads to the RN and to the Bachelor of Science (BSN) degree in Nursing 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 25 percent of credit hours required for the degree earned at the institution awarding the degree, 4) demonstration of digital literacy.

Program Pre-Requisites at Gateway include:

- 1) A grade of C or higher in all pre-requisite and co-requisite courses
- 2) 2.5 cumulative GPA in all pre-requisite and co-requisite courses
- 3) Completion of the NLN RN Pre-admission Exam (NLN PAX)
- 4) Active status on the Kentucky Nurse Aid Registry (must remain active until successful completion of NSG 101)
- 5) Current qualified CPR certification – BLS (Basic Life Support) for the Healthcare Provider

To be considered for admission, applicants must comply with college and program admission requirements. Applications will be available in the fall semester for spring admission, and in the spring semester for fall admission. All pre-requisite courses must be completed at the time of application to the program.

Applications are ranked on a point system based on 1) GPA in pre/co-requisite courses, 2) BIO 137 grade, 3) MAT (or higher) grade, and 4) score on the NLN PAX. Additional points can be earned for

holding a prior degree or completing all co-requisite courses in advance. Points can be lost for unsuccessful attempt(s) in BIO 137 and/or the Quantitative Reasoning course (earning a D, E, F, or W).

BIO 137 (pre-requisite course) and BIO 139 (co-requisite course) expire five (5) years from the completion date of the course and must be retaken if expired by the start of NSG 101.

Admission Requirements to NKU

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

Admission Requirements for the R.N. to B.S.N. program:

- Be fully admitted to NKU as a degree-seeking student.
- Submit a separate application to the R.N. to B.S.N. program.
- Submit to the Office of Admissions:
 - Official transcripts from an associate degree in nursing.
 - Official transcripts from all postsecondary work completed.
- Possess a cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Complete the following prerequisite courses with a minimum grade of C in each course. Courses in parentheses are KCTCS courses.
 - ENG 101 (ENG 101) and ENG 102 (ENG 102)
 - BIO 208/208L (BIO 137) and BIO 209/209L (BIO 139)
 - BIO 202/202L (BIO 225)
 - PSY 100 (PSY 110)
 - PSY 321 (PSY 223 or AHS 100) or EDU 300 (EDP 202)
 - PHI 220 (PHI 110) or PHI 200 (PHI 130)
- Hold current, unrestricted R.N. licensure within the first semester of admission to R.N. to B.S.N. program. Proof of R.N. licensure in state of practice is mandatory prior to enrollment in any nursing course.

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 GCTC students who choose to enroll in the fully online program. Visit our website for more information about the [Nursing 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.

General Transfer Information

Students must complete the online application to NKU. There is no application fee for students who are transferring from Gateway.

**GCTC AAS IN NURSING
TO NKU BSN IN NURSING CHECKLIST**

Gateway Community and Technical College

Category 1: GCTC General Education Requirements

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
BIO 137	Human Anatomy and Physiology I (NS)	4	BIO 208/208L	
BIO 139	Human Anatomy and Physiology II (NS)	4	BIO 209/209L	
BIO 225	Medical Microbiology (NS)	4	BIO 202/202L	
PSY 110	General Psychology (SB)	3	PSY 100	
ENG 101	Writing I (WC)	3	ENG 101	
MAT 151	Intro to Applied Statistics (QR)	3	STA 100G	
PHI 110	Medical Ethics (AH)	3	PHI 220	
	Subtotal General Education Courses	24		

TBS XXX means to be selected by GCTC student.

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

It is recommended that students take MAT 151 to help prepare them for a statistics course at GCTC or NKU. Then, if able, take STA 251 while at GCTC. (MAT 151 + STA 251 = STA 100T + STA 205 at NKU.)

Category 2: GCTC AAS Technical Course Requirements for Nursing

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
NAA 100	Nursing Assistant Skills I	0-3	NUR 100T	
CPR 100	CPR for Healthcare Professionals	0-1	HEA 100T	
NSG 101 or NSG 109	Nursing Practice I or Transition: Medic to ADN I	9	NUR 100T	
NSG 219 or NSG 194	Medical/Surgical Nursing I or Paramedic Transition to Nursing Practice	7	NUR 200T	
NSG 211	Maternal Newborn Nursing	3	NUR 300T	
NSG 212	Behavioral Health Nursing	3	NUR 300T	
NSG 213	Pediatric Nursing	3	NUR 400T	
NSG 229	Medical/Surgical Nursing II	7	NUR 200T	
NSG 239	Medical/Surgical Nursing III	6	NUR 400T	
	Subtotal AAS Requirement Courses	38-42		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	62-66		

NSG 101 credit may be awarded to Licensed Practical Nurses who meet specific program requirements.

NOTE: Completion of the nursing program will meet the KCTCS graduation requirement of digital literacy.

Category 3: Additional Gateway 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 become Gen Ed Certified, a requirement at NKU. If a student

completes the AAS degree and transfers on to NKU without being Gen Ed certified, they will need to take six 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 (AH)	3	TBD XXX	
STA 251	Applied Statistics	3	MAT 151 + STA 251 = STA 205	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Science (not PSY) (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Oral Communication (OC)	3	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal General Education Credit Hours	15		

Note that PSY 223, Lifespan Development, while not needed to meet general education certification, is a course that is a required program pre-requisite for the RN-to-BSN degree and can also be taken at Gateway.

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Category 4: NKU Additional General Education Courses, if not met at GCTC

NKU Course	Course or Category	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
ENG 102	Written II	3	ENG 102	
TBS XXX	Oral Communication	3		
TBS XXX	Cultural Pluralism	3		
TBS XXX	Individual & Society	3		
TBS XXX	Culture and Creativity	3		
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	Subtotal General Education Credit Hours	18		

Category 5: NKU Major Requirements for BSN in Nursing

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
BIO 208 and BIO 208L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	4	BIO 137	X
BIO 209 and BIO 209L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	4	BIO 139	X
BIO 202 and BIO 202L	Microbiology for Health Professionals and Microbiology for Health Professionals Lab	4	BIO 225	X
PSY 100	Intro to Psychology	3	PSY 110	X
STA 205	Statistical Methods	3	(MAT 151 or MAT 161) + STA 251	
PSY 321 or	Lifespan Development or	3	PSY 223 or	

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
EDU 300	Human Growth and Development		EDP 202	
PHI 200 or PHI 220	Ethics or Health Care Ethics	3	PHI 110	X
NRP 470	Role Transformation	3		
NRP 472	Nursing Research & Evidence Based Practice	3		
NRP 474	Models of Care Delivery	3		
HIN 355	Foundations of Health Informatics	3		
NRP 475	Population Centered Health in the Community	3		
NRP 476	Genetics and Genomics in Nursing	3		
NRP 477	Leadership in Nursing	3		
NRP 478	Nursing Leadership Practicum	3		
NRP 481	Current Trends & Issues in Nursing	3		
NRP 483	Caring & Communication for Older Adults	3		
	Active RN License via NCLEX (no cost for credit hours if needed to meet grad requirements)	24		X
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	36		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at GCTC	42		
	Total Major Credit Hours	78		
	Total Elective Hours Needed	0-4		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	120		

National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN)

A requirement for admission to the RN to BSN program is an active registered nursing license. In order to obtain a nursing license nurses must take and pass the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). Validation for passing the exam will be to verify a current license with the state board of nursing in which the student is licensed.

Students with an active registered nursing license will receive credit for NKU courses according to the chart below after they are enrolled in the R.N. to B.S.N. program.

EXAMINATION	PREREQUISITE	MINIMUM SCORE	EQUIVALENT NKU COURSES	SEMESTER CREDITS
Active registered nursing license via NCLEX.	ADN or Diploma	Pass	NRS 330 Principles of Psych & Mental Health Nursing (3) NRS 330P Psych & Mental Health Nursing Practicum (2) NRS 360 Principles of OB & Newborn Nursing (3) NRS 360P OB & Newborn Nursing Practicum (2) NRS 415 Principles of Pediatric Nursing (3) NRS 415P Pediatric Nursing Practicum (2) NRS 450 Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing (3) NRS 450P Advanced Medical-Surgical Practicum (2) SCI 100G (3)	23

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