



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate in Science to Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education and Health

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for an Associate in Science (AS) at Gateway Community and Technical College (GCTC) and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Physical Education and Health 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 GCTC, enrolled in an associate degree program, plan to transfer to NKU, and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA at GCTC.

Degree Requirements for KCTCS

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.

Degree Requirements for NKU

To earn a bachelor's degree at NKU, students must

1. Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours
2. Complete at least 25% of the credit hours required at NKU
3. Complete the last 30 credit hours at NKU
4. Complete at least 45 credit hours numbered 300 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)

The physical education major prepares students to be effective physical education teachers at the elementary, middle, and secondary levels through a strong content and pedagogy curriculum. Students are well prepared to pass state certification exams and to apply for and achieve multi-state teaching certification. During each semester of the junior year and the first semester of the senior year, teacher candidates spend a minimum of 75 hours observing and teaching under the supervision of a certified physical education teacher and a university faculty member. During the final semester of the senior year, candidates complete a full semester of student teaching at both the elementary and secondary levels.

Students interested in majoring in physical education should first declare pre-physical education as a major and sign up to meet with an advisor in the College of Education and Human Services advising center and talk with a faculty member in the physical education program located in HC 104.

To apply for admission to the teacher education program, students must:

In addition, students must meet the following requirements for admission into Education. Courses in parentheses are GCTC course equivalencies.

In addition, students must meet the following requirements for admission into the Teacher 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.

To continue into the next professional semester, students must:

Successfully complete each of the professional semester course requirements with a C or better.
Complete a portfolio with a MET rating, on Kentucky Initial Teaching Standards.
To be eligible to student teach, students must:

Successfully complete professional semesters I, II, and III.

- Maintain a 2.75 or higher overall GPA.
- Maintain a GPA of 2.75 or higher in the major core content courses and the professional education courses.

These prerequisites are not included in the program totals in the table below, but they must be completed IN ADDITION TO other program requirements.

It is recommended that physical education P-12 certification majors also minor in health education and apply for health education P-12 certification.

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 (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 AS TO NKU BA IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH 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	
COM 181	Basic Public Speaking (OC)	3	CMST 101	
TBS XXX	Arts and Humanities (AH) Heritage	3	TBD XXX	
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PSY 110	General Psychology	3	PSY 100	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Course (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Quantitative Reasoning (QR)	3	TBD XXX	
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BIO 135	Basic Anatomy and Physiology	4	BIO 121/121L	
BIO 122 or Taken at NKU	Introduction to Conservation Biology or Introduction to Environmental Science and Issues	3	ENV 110	
Subtotal General Education Core 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 AS Requirements

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
TBS XXX	General Education Elective (Quantitative Reasoning or Natural Science)	3	TBD XXX	
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Subtotal AS Requirement Courses		6		

Category 3: GCTC Electives

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
EDU 204	Technology in the Classroom	3	EDU 313	
FYE 105 or FYE 110	Achieving Academic Success or First Year Experience and Applications	3	UNV 100T	
EDU 201	Intro to American Education	3	EDU 305	
EDP 202	Human Development and Learning	3	EDU 300	
Taken at NKU	Foundations of Health Ed & Promotion	3	HEA 125	

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
Taken at NKU	Introduction to Physical Education, Fitness, and Sport	3	KIN 125	
Taken at NKU	Personal Health and Wellness	3	HEA 230	
	Subtotal Elective Courses	21		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	61		

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

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Category 4: NKU Major Requirements for BA in Physical Education and Health with Teaching Certification

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
HEA 125	Foundations of Health Ed & Promotion	3	Taken at NKU	x
HEA 230	Personal Health and Wellness	3	Taken at NKU	x
HEA 320	Drug and Alcohol Education	3		
HEA 350	Sexuality Education	3		
HEA 370	Community Health	3		
HEA 489	Field Experiences in Health Education	2		
HPE 425	Teaching Methods for Health and Physical Ed	3		
KIN 125	Introduction to Physical Education, Fitness, and Sport	3	Taken at NKU	x
KIN 260	Introduction to Strength and Conditioning	3		
KIN 280	Basic Recognition and Care of Athletic Injuries	3		
KIN 295	Anatomical Kinesiology	3		
KIN 313	Computer Applications for Health and Kinesiology	2	Satisfied by EDU 313	x
KIN 325/325L	Motor Development, Learning, and Control with lab	4		
KIN 360	Statistics and Measurement in Kinesiology	3		
PHE 231	Dance and Rhythmic Activities	2		
PHE 325	Adapted Physical Education	3		
PHE 333	Motor Skill and Fitness Activities for Children	3		
PHE 334	Team Sports	2		
PHE 335	Individual and Dual Sports	2		
PHE 490	Field Experiences in Elementary Physical Education	2		
PHE 491	Field Experiences in Middle School and Secondary Physical Education	2		
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 110	x
EDU 104	Orientation to Education Profession	1		
EDU 300	Human Growth and Development	3	EDP 202	x

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
EDU 304 or EDU 530	Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum: Middle Grades or Reading in Middle and Secondary Schools	3		
EDU 305	Introduction to Education	2	EDU 201	x
EDU 311	Admission Field Experience Secondary	2		
EDU 496	Clinical Experience Secondary	12		
EDS 322	Instructional Planning for Inclusive Elementary Classrooms	3		
BIO 121/121L	Diseases and the Systems They Affect with lab	4	BIO 135	x
ENV 110	Introduction to Environmental Science and Issues	3	BIO 122 or Taken at NKU	x
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	67		
	Subtotal Credit Hours at GCTC	61		
	Total Major Credit Hours	93		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	128		

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