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TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

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## TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate in Arts to Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations

### ***Overview***

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate in Arts (AA) degree at Gateway Community and Technical College (GCTC) and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Public Relations 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.

### ***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)  
Students must complete a focus or minor as indicated on the pathway

***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.

Tuition and scholarship information specific to transfer students can be viewed on the [NKU Adult & Transfer Center website](#).

## GCTC AA TO NKU BA IN PUBLIC RELATIONS 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 & Humanities (AH) – Heritage	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH) – Humanities	3	TBD XXX	
COM 249	Mass Media Communication (SB)	3	EMB 100	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Course (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Course (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Natural Science Course with Lab (SL)	4	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Quantitative Reasoning (QR)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Quantitative Reasoning (QR) or Natural Science (NS)	3	TBD XXX	
<b>Subtotal General Education Courses</b>		<b>34</b>		

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
COM 252	Intro to Interpersonal Communication	3	CMST 220	
COM 254	Introduction to Intercultural Communication	3	CMST 355	
<b>Subtotal AA Requirement Courses</b>		<b>6</b>		

#### 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	BIS 101	
FYE 105 or FYE 110	Achieving Academic Success	3	UNV 100T	
JOU 101	Introduction to Journalism	3	JOU 110	
JOU 204	News Writing	3	JOU 220	

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
Taken at NKU	Principles of Public Relations	3	PRE 275	
Taken at NKU	Organizational Communication or Business and Professional Communication	3	CMST 303 or CMST 305	
Taken at NKU	Public Relations Writing	3	PRE 376	
	<b>Subtotal Elective Courses</b>	<b>21</b>		
	<b>Total Associate Degree Hours</b>	<b>61</b>		

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

### Northern Kentucky University

#### Category 4: NKU Major Requirements for BA in Public Relations

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
CMST 101 or CMST 110	Public Speaking or Introduction to Communication Studies	3	COM 181	x
EMB 100 or JOU 110	Media Literacy or Introduction to Mass Communication	3	COM 249 JOU 101	x
INF 100	Orientation to College of Informatics	1		
EMB 140	Introduction to Media Aesthetics	3		
JOU 220	News Writing	3	JOU 204	x
CMST 220	Interpersonal Communication	3	COM 252	x
PRE 275	Principles of Public Relations	3	Taken at NKU	x
CMST 303 or CMST 305	Organizational Communication or Business and Professional Communication	3	Taken at NKU	x
CMST 340 or PRE 300	Strategies of Persuasion or Event Planning and Messaging	3		
PRE 376	Public Relations Writing	3	Taken at NKU	x
PRE 377	Public Relations Case Studies/Campaigns	3		
PRE 385	Public Relations Research Methods	3		
JOU 321 or PRE 305	Digital Publishing or Digital Media Strategies and Metrics	3		
PRE 400	Client Relationship Management	3		
JOU 485	Mass Communication Law	3		
TBS XXX	Select three credit hours of 300/400-level elective in CMST, DFX, EMB, HCOM, JOU, POP, or PRE	3	COM 254 = CMST 255	x
Select 3 credits: PRE 396 PRE 492 PRE 499	Select three credits hours: Public Relations Internship Directed Research (0-6 credits) Independent Study in Public Relations (1-3 credits)	3		
	<b>Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU</b>	<b>25</b>		

<b>NKU Course</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>GCTC Course</b>	<b>Taken at GCTC</b>
	<b>Subtotal Credit Hours at GCTC</b>	<b>61</b>		
	<b>Total Major Credit Hours</b>	<b>39</b>		

**Category 5: Additional Requirements at NKU**

<b>NKU Course</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>GCTCS Course</b>	<b>Taken at GCTC</b>
	<b>Subtotal Minor and/or Elective Credit Hours Taken at NKU</b>	<b>34</b>		
	<b>Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours</b>	<b>120</b>		

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