



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2024-2025

Associate in Arts to Bachelor of Music Education

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for an Associate in Arts (AA) at Gateway Community and Technical College (GCTC) and leads to the Bachelor of Music Education (BME) 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 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) cultural competence course, 5) demonstration of digital literacy, and 6) 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. Students wanting to major in Music Education will be pre-majors until all admission requirements for the degree have been met.

The Bachelor of Music Education is a comprehensive, professional degree program that prepares students for careers in teaching K-12 music in public and private schools. Students complete the music core and may select one of two tracks: choral/vocal or instrumental based on their applied background and their teaching interests. Applicants must be accepted to the music program through the audition process. For information about auditions, visit the website <https://www.nku.edu/academics/sota/music/prospective/auditions.html>.

Students must also meet the following requirements for admission into Education. Courses in parentheses are GCTC course equivalencies.

- A minimum overall GPA of 2.75

- A minimum grade of “B” in CMST 101 (COM 181) and ENG 102 (ENG 102)
- A minimum grade of “C” in all other pre-admission courses and required EDU and EDS courses.
- 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
 - o ACT Comp. 22 -OR-
 - o Reading (ACT: 20 -or- Praxis I: 156) and
 - o Eng./Writing (ACT: 18 -or- Praxis I: 162) and
 - o Mathematics (ACT: 19 -or- Praxis I: 150)
- Pass criminal background check
- 60 semester hours completed including Orientation to Music Education and Introduction to Music Education
- An acceptable portfolio
- A completed application to the Teacher Education program

The full requirements for entry into Education can be found at <https://nku.edu/academics/coe/advising/eduadmission.html>

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. Students must have an overall GPA of 2.0 and meet all prerequisites for courses and requirements for the major. The Bachelor of Music Education requires a higher number of total credit hours and students must maintain an overall GPA of 2.75. In addition, at least 25% of the credit hours required for the degree and the last 30 credit hours must be completed at NKU.

Candidates for certification must meet the Kentucky Department of Education certification requirements in both general and professional education. Students wishing to be certified in a state other than Kentucky are responsible for knowing and meeting the certification requirements of that state. Each student should work in close consultation with an advisor in order to meet all non-music requirements. All degree emphases in music education are exempt from the requirement to complete a minor or focus.

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.

GCTC AA TO NKU BME IN MUSIC EDUCATION 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	
TBS XXX	Arts and Humanities (AH) Humanities	3	TBD XXX	
PSY 110	General Psychology (SB)	3	PSY 100	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Course (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Course (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Quantitative Reasoning (QR)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Quantitative Reasoning Course (QR) or Natural Science Course (NS)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Natural Science Course (SL)	4	TBD XXX	
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 AA Requirements

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
TBS XXX	General Education Elective (Arts & Humanities, Social Behavioral Science, Oral Communications, or Foreign Language)	3	TBD XXX	
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Subtotal AA 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	Achieving Academic Success	3	UNV 100T	
EDP 202	Human Development and Learning	3	EDU 300	
Taken at NKU	Orientation to Music Education	1	MUSM 104	
Taken at NKU	Music Theory I	3	MUSM 111	
Taken at NKU	Music Theory II	3	MUSM 112	

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
Taken at NKU	Aural Skills I	1	MUSM 122	
Taken at NKU	Aural Skills II	1	MUSM 124	
Taken at NKU	Applied Lessons and/or Large Ensemble	3	TBS XXX	
	Subtotal Elective Courses	21		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	61		

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 Requirements for Bachelor of Music Education

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
MUSM 111	Music Theory I	3	Taken at NKU	x
MUSM 112	Music Theory II	3	Taken at NKU	x
MUSM 211	Music Theory III	3		
MUSM 212	Music Theory IV	3		
MUSM 122	Aural Skills I	1	Taken at NKU	x
MUSM 124	Aural Skills II	1	Taken at NKU	x
MUSM 140	Intro to Music History	1		
MUSM 222	Aural Skills III	1		
MUSM 224	Aural Skills IV	1		
MUSM 132	Class Piano I	1		
MUSM 134	Class Piano II	1		
MUSM 232	Class Piano III	1		
MUSM 234	Class Piano IV	1		
MUSM 296	Piano Proficiency	0		
MUSM 109	Recital Review	0		
MUSA 196	Freshmen Proficiency Jury	0		
MUSM 242	Survey of Western Music I	2		
MUSM 353	Survey of Western Music II	3		
MUSA 296	Sophomore Comprehensive Jury	0		
MUSM 312	Computer Applications for Musicians	1		
MUSM 311	Form and Analysis	3		
MUSA X01-X59	Applied Lessons	12	0-3 credits Taken at NKU	x
MUSM 365	Conducting I	2		
MUSM 366	Conducting II	2		
MUSA 396	Junior Recital	0		
MUSM XXX	Elective MUSM course	3		
	Large Ensembles	7	0-3 credits Taken at NKU	x
	Small Ensembles	1		
EDU 300	Human Growth and Development	3	EDP 202	x

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
EDU 304	Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum: Middle Grades	3		
EDU 311	Admission Field Experience Secondary	2		
EDU 325	Educational Assessment Secondary	2		
EDU 496	Clinical Experience Secondary	12		
EDS 324	Instructional Planning for Inclusive Secondary Classrooms	3		
EDS 360	Students with Exceptionalities in School	3	EDP 203	
	Select one of the tracks: Choral/Vocal Track Instrumental Track Courses for each of the tracks are listed in Categories 5-6 tables below.	17	1 credit Taken at NKU	x
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours Taken at GCTC	15		
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	Total credit hours required for the major	105		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	151		

Category 5: NKU Requirements for Choral/Vocal Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
MUSM 104	Orientation to Music Education	1	Taken at NKU	x
MUSM 309	Introduction to Music Education	2		
MUSM 360	General and Vocal Music P-8	2		
Select 2: MUSM 261 MUSM 262 MUSM 263 MUSM 264	Select two methods courses: Applied Methods and Materials: Brass Applied Methods and Materials: Woodwinds Applied Methods and Materials: Strings Applied Methods and Materials: Percussion	2		
MUSM 305	Ensemble Accompanying	2		
MUSM 361	Teaching Choral Music: Middle Grades	2		
MUSM 362	Teaching Choral Music: Secondary	2		
MUSM 344	Lyric Diction I	1		
MUSM 345	Lyric Diction II	1		
MUSM 441	Vocal Pedagogy	2		
	Total Track Hours	17		

Note: Pianists in this track should take a minimum of 8 credits of Applied Piano and 6 credits of Applied Voice to fulfill their Applied Lesson requirement.

Category 6: NKU Requirements for Instrumental Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
MUSM 104	Orientation to Music Education	1	Taken at NKU	x
MUSM 309	Introduction to Music Education	2		
MUSM 360	General and Vocal Music P-8	2		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
MUSM 261	Applied Methods and Materials: Brass	1		
MUSM 262	Applied Methods and Materials: Woodwinds	1		
MUSM 263	Applied Methods and Materials: Strings	1		
MUSM 264	Applied Methods and Materials: Percussion	1		
MUSM 313 or MUSM 367	Orchestration or Marching Band Techniques	3		
MUSM 363	Teaching Instrumental Music: Middle Grades	2		
MUSM 364	Teaching Instrumental Music: Secondary	2		
Choose 1: MUSE 301 MUSE 321 MUSE 322 MUSE 323	Choose one Choral Ensemble: The Northern Chorale Chamber Choir Women’s Ensemble Man Choir	1		
	Total Track Hours	17		

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