



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2024-2025

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) cultural competence course, 5) demonstration of digital literacy, 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.

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.

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.

Those who enjoy sports and physical activity and would like to impact the lives of children and adolescents may find teaching physical education to be the ideal major. There continues to be a need for dedicated and effective physical education teachers in the schools, especially at a time when the percentage of children and adolescents who are obese in the United States is at an all-time high level. Within the next several years, the “baby boomers” who are currently teaching will be retiring, and the need for new teachers will increase dramatically. Students who graduate with a degree in physical education are also prepared to work with youth in community recreation, family fitness and sports centers, and to coach school and youth sports.

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.

- 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 which include EDU 300 (EDP 202) and EDU 305 (EDU 201).
- 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)ACT scores must be less than 5 years old at time of admissions semester
- Pass criminal background check
- 60 semester hours completed
- An acceptable portfolio

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 \$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 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	
TBS XXX	Arts and Humanities (AH) Humanities	3	TBD XXX	
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	Achieving Academic Success	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	
Taken at NKU	Introduction to Physical Education, Fitness, and Sport	3	KIN 125	

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
Taken at NKU	Personal Health and Wellness	3	HEA 230	
TBS XXX	Elective	3	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal Elective Courses	23-24		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	63-64		

Students can also choose to take HEA 270: Community Health, KIN 260: Introduction to Strength and Conditioning, or a Physical Education at NKU in place of suggested NKU courses. Courses taken at NKU cannot exceed a total of 12 credit hours.

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 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 Major Credit Hours at GCTC	26		
	Total Major Credit Hours	93		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	130- 133		

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