



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2023-2024

Associate in Applied Science in Health Information Technology
to Bachelor of Science in Health Science (Degree Completion Track)

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Health Information Technology degree at a Kentucky Community and Technical College (KCTCS) institution and leads to the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Health Science degree at Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

Applying to the KCTCS2NKU 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 their KCTCS institution, enrolled in an associate degree program, plan to transfer to NKU, and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA at their KCTCS institution.

Degree Requirements for KCTCS

1) Minimum cumulative GPA 2.0, 2) minimum of 25 percent of credit hours required for the degree earned at the institution awarding the degree, and 3) demonstration of digital literacy.

Admission Requirements to NKU

Students completing an associate degree with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher will be accepted into NKU. Students wishing to enroll in the Health Science Completer degree must have a minimum college GPA of 2.30. The Degree Completion Track is designed for students who have an earned associate degree in a health discipline looking to complete a bachelor's degree.

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 KCTCS students who choose to enroll in the fully online program. Visit our website for more information about the [Health Science 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, earn a C or better in major courses, and meet all prerequisites for courses and requirements for the major. An associate of applied science (AAS) degree or equivalent from a regionally accredited institution serves as an imbedded minor for the program.

Health Care Industry Certification Examinations: Students who hold advanced credentials in radiologic technology or nuclear medicine (for example, CT, MRI, cardiovascular imaging, PET, etc.) or respiratory care (for example, polysomnography) may be awarded up to six hours of coursework at the 300 level or above that may be used toward their credit hour total. Advanced credentials must have been awarded by a recognized national organization, such as the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board, Board of Registered Polysomnography Technologists, the National Board for Respiratory Care, or the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography. [Visit testing services to learn more about the process for receiving credit.](#)

Prior learning credit is also available for radiographers who have graduated from an accredited radiography program, but who may not have coursework that transfers to NKU. Students must have passed the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists national examination, have maintained their certification and can provide documentation of current certification. These students may be awarded up to 50 hours of radiography professional coursework, dependent upon year of initial certification; award of credit will be posted to the student's transcript upon completion of the process. This advanced standing policy is limited to students completing the health science program. Credit hours earned under this policy may not be used to satisfy the residency requirements for graduation. Students who earn these credit hours must meet all prevailing university and program requirements for graduation.

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.

**KCTCS AAS IN HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
TO NKU BS IN HEALTH SCIENCE (DEGREE COMPLETION TRACK) CHECKLIST**

Kentucky Community and Technical College System

Category 1: KCTCS General Education Requirements

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
ENG 101	Writing I (WC)	3	ENG 101	
TBS XXX	Heritage or Humanities Course (AH)	3	TBD XXX	
PSY 110 or SOC 101	General Psychology (SB) or Introduction to Sociology (SB)	3	PSY 100 SOC 100	
MAT 151 or STA 151	Introduction to Applied Statistics (QR)	3	STA 100G	
BIO 135	Basic Anatomy and Physiology W/Lab (SL)	4	BIO 121/121L	
	Subtotal General Education Courses	16		

TBS XXX means to be selected by KCTCS student.

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

A grade of A or B in MAT 150 equates to MAT 103 + MAT 100T. Grade of C or D in MAT 150 equates to MAT 102 + MAT 100T.

BIO 137 and BIO 139 (NKU's BIO 208 w/ Lab and BIO 209 w/ Lab) may be substituted for BIO 135.

Category 2: KCTCS AAS Requirements for Health Information Technology

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
CIT 105 or OST 105	Introduction to Computers or Introduction to Information Systems	3	BIS 101	
CLA 131 or MIT 103 or AHS 115	Medical Terminology from Greek or Latin or Medical Office Terminology OR Medical Terminology	3	UND 100T BIO 272	
HIT 100	Intro to Health Information Technology	3	HSC 101	
HIT 105	Patho/Pharm for Health Information Professionals	4	HSC 200T	
HIT 109	Clinical Classification Systems I	4	HSC 200T	
HIT 110	Legal/Ethical Issues in Health Information	2	HSC 200T	
HIT 112	Reimbursement Methodologies	3	HSC 200T	
HIT 200	Information Systems in Healthcare	3	HSC 200T	
HIT 202	Clinical Classification Systems II	3	HSC 300T	
HIT 205	Performance Improvement in Health Information	3	HSC 300T	
HIT 207	Clinical Classification Systems III	3	HSC 300T	
HIT 211	Health Care Management & Statistics	3	HSC 300T	
HIT 215 or HIT 2151 and	Clinical Practicum or Clinical Practicum I and Clinical Practicum II	4 (2) (2)	HSC 300T	

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
HIT 2152				
OST 240 or CIT 130	Advanced Software Applications or Productivity Software	3	INF 100T BIS 101	
	Subtotal AAS Requirement Courses	44		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	60		

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Category 3: NKU Additional General Education Courses

NKU Course	Course or Category	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
ENG 102	Written II	3		
CMST 101	Oral Communication	3	COM 181	
TBS XXX	Natural Science	3		
TBS XXX	Cultural Pluralism	3		
TBS XXX	Individual and Society	3		
TBS XXX	Culture and Creativity	3		
TBS XXX	Global Viewpoints	3		
	Subtotal General Education Credit Hours	21		

The KCTCS Heritage and Humanities course will likely transfer as a Culture and Creativity credit, but discuss your choice with an advisor to know for sure which NKU general education category it will fulfill.

If students choose the BIO 137 and BIO 139 option instead of BIO 135, they will fulfill both science general education requirements at NKU.

Category 4: NKU Major Requirements for BS in Health Science

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
CHP 500	Teaching & Learning in Healthcare Education	3		
HIN 355	Foundations of Health Informatics	3		
HSC 410	Healthcare Management	3		
HSC 413	Aging in Today's Society	3		
HSC 415	Ethical and Legal Issues in Healthcare	3		
HSC 421	Healthcare Research	3		
HSC 440	Issues in Chronic Disease Management	3		
HSC 480	Global Perspectives in Healthcare	3		
HSC 510	Trends and Cultural Issues in Healthcare	3		
LDR 308	Leadership Development	3		
STA 205	Statistical Methods	3	STA 220 or (MAT 151 or STA 151 or MAT 161) + STA 251	

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	33		

Category 5: Additional Requirements at NKU

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
	Subtotal Elective (300/400 level) Hours	6		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	120		

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