



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2024-2025

Associate of Arts to
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Traditional)

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate of Arts degree at Cincinnati State and leads to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree at Northern Kentucky University.

Note: This is a 2 + 3 program. Three full years will be required to complete the BSN degree after transferring to NKU.

Applying to the CState2NKU 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 Cincinnati State, enrolled in an associate degree program, plan to transfer to NKU, and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA at Cincinnati State.

Degree Requirements for Cincinnati State

1) Completion of minimum 62 credit hours, 36 of which from approved Ohio Transfer 36 courses, 2) minimum cumulative GPA 2.0, 3) completion of an FYE course as part of the first 12 credit hours taken at Cincinnati State, and 4) completion of Cooperative Education.

Admission Requirements for NKU

Students completing an associate degree with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher will be accepted into NKU.

To be considered for the selective admission to the B.S.N. program all applicants must:

- Be admitted to NKU as a degree-seeking student with no academic deficiencies.
- Submit a separate application to the nursing program. Applications to the nursing program may

also be submitted online

(<http://healthprofessions.nku.edu/departments/nursing/undergrad/form.html>). Applications to the nursing program are in addition to the university application.

- Have a minimum GPA of 2.50 if student has earned 24 or more credit hours. Transfer students with fewer than 24 earned credit hours must have a minimum GPA of 2.50, a minimum ACT composite score of 20 or higher and no academic deficiencies.
- Have the following minimum grade requirements and eligibilities (courses in parentheses are Cincinnati State equivalent courses):
 - A minimum grade of C or higher in BIO 208/BIO 208L (BIO 151),
 - A minimum grade of C or higher in PSY 100 (PSY 110),
 - Be eligible to take CHE 115/CHE 115L (CHE 115),
 - Be eligible to take STA 205 or STA 205R (MAT 131 + MAT 132)
 - Be eligible to take BIO 209/BIO 209L (BIO 152)
 - Earn grades in nursing support courses of C or higher. Support courses include PSY 100 (PSY 110), PSY 321 (PSY 225) – OR – EDU 300 (EDU 210), STA 205 OR STA 205R (MAT 131 + MAT 132), HIN 355 (HIM 120), BIO 202/BIO 202L (BIO 220), BIO 126 (DT 120), CHE 115/CHE 115L (CHE 115) – OR – CHE 120/CHE 120L (CHE 121/131) and CHE 121/CHE 121L (CHE 122/132). Grades of C- are not accepted for prerequisites, co-requisites or nursing classes.
 - A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00-point scale or 3.00 on a 4.00 scale on all previous college work for the last 30 credit hours, whichever is higher. GPAs for admission to the B.S.N. program will be calculated using NKU and transfer coursework.
 - No more than one semester of science course failures in the required science courses for the program in the last two years (C-, D, and F are considered failures) prior to entry into the program. This requirement applies to BIO 120/BIO 120L, BIO 121/BIO 121L, BIO 126, BIO 202/BIO 202L, BIO 208/BIO 208L, BIO 209/BIO 209L, BIO 302/BIO 302L, CHE 102, CHE 115/CHE 115L, CHE 120/CHE 120L, CHE 121/CHE 121L or equivalent transfer courses.
 - Prerequisite science courses required for admission must be fewer than five years old as of the first day of the semester in which the program begins.

All accepted students must pass a criminal background check before starting nursing classes. A personal interview may be requested by the nursing admission/readmission committee.

Students who apply by January 1 are applying to begin nursing courses the following fall semester.

Students who apply by August 1 are applying to begin nursing courses the following spring semester.

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.

Advising Note

Students in the CState2NKU program should work closely with their advisors when choosing courses. This document serves as a guide but does not replace academic advising. When choosing Cincinnati State courses, student may also consult the Associate of Arts advising brochure or the catalog for A and B list courses in Arts and Humanities or Social and Behavioral Sciences.

CINCINNATI STATE AA TO NKU BSN IN NURSING CHECKLIST

Cincinnati State

Category 1: Ohio Transfer 36 Requirements

CState Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
ENG 101	English Composition 1	3	ENG 101	
ENG 102 or ENG 103 or ENG 104 or ENG 105	English Composition 2: Contemporary Issues English Composition 2: Writing about Literature English Composition 2: Technical Communication English Composition 2: Business Communication	3	ENG 102	
COMM 110	Public Speaking	3	CMST 101	
TBS XXX	Arts/Humanities List A Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Arts/Humanities List B Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Social/Behavioral Sciences List A Elective	3	TBD XXX	
PSY 110	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 100	
MAT 131	Statistics 1	3	MAT 131 + MAT 132 = STA 113 + STA 205	
MAT 132	Statistics 2	3	MAT 131 + MAT 132 = STA 113 + STA 205	
BIO 151	Anatomy and Physiology 1	3	BIO 208 BIO 208L	
BIO 152	Anatomy and Physiology 2	3	BIO 209 BIO 209L	
CHE 115	General, Organic, and Biological Chemistry	3	CHE 115 CHE 115L	
	Subtotal General Education Core	36		

TBS XXX means to be selected by Cincinnati State student.

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

Category 2: CState Degree Requirements for the AA and NKU Recommendations

CState Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
FYE 1XX	First Year Experience Elective	1	UNV 100T	
HUM 190	Career Exploration Seminar: Associate of Arts and Sciences	2	CEP 101	
HUM 191 or HUM 192 or HUM 291 or	Part-Time Cooperative Education 1 or Part-Time Cooperative Education 2 or Full-Time Cooperative Education 1 or	2	CEP 300	

CState Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
HUM 292 or HUM 296	Full-Time Cooperative Education 2 or Full-Time Career Education Project			
BIO 220	Microbiology	3	BIO 202 BIO 202L	
DT 120	Nutrition for a Healthy Lifestyle	3	BIO 126	
HIM 105	Legal Aspects of Health Information Management	2	HIN 275	
HIM 120	Health Information Technology Systems	3	HIN 355	
PSY 225	Lifespan Development	3	PSY 321	
TBS XXX	Directed Electives	7	TBD XXX	
Total Associate Degree Credit Hours		62		

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Northern Kentucky University

Category 3: NKU Major Requirements for the BSN in Nursing

NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
BIO 126	Human Nutrition	3	DT 120	x
BIO 202/202L	Microbiology for Health Professions with Lab	4	BIO 220	x
BIO 208/208L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab	4	BIO 151	x
BIO 209/209L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab	4	BIO 152	x
CHE 115/115L	Physiological Chemistry with Lab	4	CHE 115	x
HIN 355	Foundations of Health Informatics	3	HIM 120	x
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 110	x
PSY 321 or EDU 300	Lifespan Development or Human Growth and Development	3	PSY 225 EDU 210	x
STA 205	Statistical Methods	3	MAT 131 + MAT 132	x
NRS 201	Transition to Nursing	1		
NRS 210L	Development of Clinical Nursing Skills	2		
NRS 215	Fundamental Concepts of Professional Nursing Practice	3		
NRS 220	Holistic Health Assessment of the Adult	2		
NRS 220L	Holistic Health Assessment Laboratory	1		
NRS 215P	Fundamentals of Professional Nursing Practicum	3		
NRS 250	Introduction to Medical-Surgical Nursing	3		
NRS 255	Pathopharm Concepts and Principles	4		
NRS 250P	Introduction to Medical-Surgical Nursing Practicum	4		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
NRS 310	Concepts of Community and Public Health Nursing	3		
NRS 310P	Concepts of Community and Public Health Nursing Practicum	2		
NRS 330	Principles of Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing	3		
NRS 330P	Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing Practicum	2		
NRS 339L	Clinical Reasoning I	1		
NRS 350	Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing	3		
NRS 350P	Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing Practicum	2		
NRS 360	Principles of OB and Newborn Nursing	3		
NRS 360P	Principles of OB and Newborn Nursing Practicum	2		
NRS 365	Foundations of Nursing Scholarship	3		
NRS 415	Principles of Pediatric Nursing	3		
NRS 415P	Pediatric Nursing Practicum	2		
NRS 425	Nursing Leadership & Professional Issues	4		
NRS 439L	Clinical Reasoning II	1		
NRS 450	Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing	3		
NRS 450P	Advanced Medical-Surgical Practicum	2		
NRS 460P	Nursing Capstone Project	3		
NRS 465P	Transition to the Professional Practice Role	4		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	69		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at CState	31		
	Total Major Credit Hours	100		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	131		

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