



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education To
Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education – Certification Track

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Early Childhood Education degree at Cincinnati State (CState) and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Early Childhood Education - Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (IECE) Certification Track degree at Northern Kentucky University (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 60 credit hours, 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. Additional requirements for a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education – IECE Certification Track include

(Courses in parentheses are Cincinnati State course equivalents)

- A minimum overall GPA of 2.75
- A minimum grade of “B” in CMST 101 (COMM 110) and ENG 102 (ENG 102/103)
- A minimum grade of “C” in all other pre-admission courses and required EDU and EDS courses, which include EDU 300 (EDU 210), EDU 305 (EDU 105), EDU 313 (EDU 110), EDU 316, and EDS 360 (EDU 200).

- 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
- A completed application to the Teacher Education 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 majoring in Early Childhood Education – IECE Certification Track must maintain a GPA of 2.75 overall and in major courses and earn a minimum grade of C in all education courses. Students must meet the pre-requisites for each course. No minor is required for this 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 AAS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TO NKU BA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION – CERTIFICATION TRACK 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	English Composition 2: Contemporary Issues English Composition 2: Writing about Literature	3	ENG 102	
MAT XXX	Mathematics Elective	3	TBD XXX	
PSY 110	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 100	
TBS XXX	Natural Science Course (with lab) Elective	4	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal General Education Courses	16		

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 AAS in Early Childhood Education

CState Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
FYE 1XX	First Year Experience Elective	1	UNV 100T	
ECE 145 + ECE 180	The Developing Child and Infant and Toddler Environments	3 4	EDU 552 + EDU 300T	
ECE 155	Health, Safety, and Nutrition in Childhood	3	HEA 250	
ECE 160	Assessment and Observation in Early Childhood Education	3	EDU 566	
ECE 165	Emergent Literacy	3	EDU 554	
ECE 175	Family, Community, and Schools	3	EDU 320	
ECE 185 + ECE 220	Creative Learning Environments and Preschool and School Age Environments	4 4	EDU 551 + EDU 300T	
ECE 215	Classroom Management and Guidance	3	EDU 301	
ECE 230	Administration and Leadership in Early Childhood Education	3	EDU 568	
ECE 290	Student Teaching in Early Childhood Education	3	EDU 300T	
EDU 105	Introduction to Education	3	EDU 305	
EDU 110	Educational Technology	3	EDU 313	
EDU 200	Individuals with Exceptionalities	3	EDS 360	
EDU 210	Learning in Childhood	3	EDU 300	
	Total Associate Degree Credit Hours	65		

Northern Kentucky University

Category 3: NKU Additional General Education Requirements

NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
CMST 101	Public Speaking	3	COMM 110	
MAT XXX	Mathematics & Statistics	3		
TBS XXX	Natural Science Course	3		
TBS XXX	Individual & Society	3		
TBS XXX	Culture & Creativity	6		
TBS XXX	Global Viewpoints	3		
	Subtotal General Education Courses	21		

TBS XXX means to be selected

Category 4: NKU Major Requirements for the BA in Early Childhood Education – IECE Certification Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
EDU 104	Orientation: Education Profession/Program	1		
EDU 300	Human Growth and Development	3	EDU 210	x
EDU 301	Interpersonal Interaction and Guidance	3	ECE 215	x
EDU 302	Teaching of Reading	3		
EDU 303	Admission Field Experience IECE	2		
EDU 305	Introduction to Education	2	EDU 105	x
EDU 313	Instructional Technology	3	EDU 110	x
EDU 316	Education in a Multicultural Society	3		
EDU 320	Family Engagement in the Home, School and Community	3	ECE 175	x
EDU 395	IECE Field Experience I	3		
EDU 397	IECE Field Experience II	3		
EDU 491	Clinical Experience in IECE	12		
EDU 517	Teaching of Phonics in Elementary/Middle	3		
EDU 550	Current Trends in Early Childhood Education	3		
EDU 551	Preschool Education and Programming	3	ECE 185 + ECE 220 = EDU 551 + EDU 300T	x
EDU 552	Infant Toddler Education and Programming	3	ECE 145 + ECE 180 = EDU 552 + EDU 300T	x
EDU 554	Language Development and Emergent Literacy	3	ECE 165	x
EDU 565	EC Screening & Ongoing Assessment	3		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
EDU 568	Administration and Supervision in Early Childhood Education	3	ECE 230	x
EDU 569	Kindergarten Education and Programming	3		
EDS 322	Instructional Planning for Inclusive Elementary Classrooms	3		
EDS 360	Students with Exceptionalities in School	3	EDU 200	x
EDS 362	Applied Behavior Analysis for Students with Disabilities	3		
EDS 365	Characteristics of Emotional/Behavioral Disorder	3		
EDS 551	Assistive Technology in the Classroom	3		
EDS 562	Early Childhood Special Education Programs	3		
EDS 570	Working with Families of Students with Disabilities	3		
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 110	x
CMST 101	Public Speaking	3		At NKU
ENG 101	College Writing	3	ENG 101	x
ENG 102	Advanced College Writing	3	ENG 102 or ENG 103	x
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	57		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at CState	38		
	Total Major Credit Hours	95		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	143		

EDU 303 is waived if student provides documentation of 50 hours of field experience in an education setting. If EDU 303 is waived, student must complete EDU 334: Portfolio Development (1 credit).

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