



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate of Arts To
Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate of Arts (AA) degree at Cincinnati State (CState) and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Elementary Education 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 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.

Students wishing to enroll in the elementary education program must follow the admission guidelines for teacher education programs outlined by the College of Education. (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
 - ACT Comp. 22 -OR-
 - Reading (ACT: 20 -or- Praxis I: 156) and
 - Eng./Writing (ACT: 18 -or- Praxis I: 162) and
 - 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 Elementary Education 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 AA TO NKU BA IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION 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	
COMM 110	Public Speaking	3	CMST 101	
MAT 131	Statistics I	3	STA 113	
TBS XXX	Arts/Humanities List A Elective	3	TBD XXX	
LIT 270	Children's Literature	3	ENG 386	
HST 111 or HST 112	American History: Early Settlers to 1877 or American History: 1877 to Present	3	HIS 102 or HIS 103	
PSY 110	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 100	
BIO 111	Biology: Unity of Life	4	BIO 120/120L	
TBS XXX	Natural/Physical Science Elective	3-5	TBD XXX	
GEO 105 or GEO 110 or GEO 115	World Regional Geography: the Americas, Europe, and Australia or World Regional Geography: Asia, Africa, and the Middle East or Cultural Geography	3	GEO 101 GEO 101 GEO 100G	
POL 101	Introduction to American Government	3	PSC 100	
Subtotal General Education Courses		37-39		

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 XXX	Co-op/Internship Elective 1	1	CEP 100T	
HUM XXX	Co-op/Internship Elective 2	1	CEP 100T	
ECE 155	Health, Safety, and Nutrition in Childhood	3	HEA 250	
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	
TBS XXX	Directed Elective	3	TBD XXX	

CState Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
	Total Associate Degree Credit Hours	60-62		

Students pursuing an elementary education major may also choose to concurrently complete a second major in special education. *EDS 360 Students with Exceptionalities in Schools* is not required for special education majors, so EDU 200 can be replaced with a directed elective. For courses leading to certification in special education, refer to the Bachelor of Arts with a major in special education program description in the NKU Course Catalog.

Northern Kentucky University

Category 3: NKU Major Requirements for the BA in Elementary Education

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 302	Teaching of Reading	3		
EDU 305	Introduction to Education	2	EDU 105	x
EDU 306	Teaching Elementary School Mathematics	3		
EDU 307	Admission Field Experience Elementary	2		
EDU 308	Teaching Elementary School Science	3		
EDU 310	Teaching Language Arts in Early Grades	3		
EDU 312	Teaching Social Studies in Early Grades	3		
EDU 313	Instructional Technology	3	EDU 110	x
EDU 314	Classroom Management	3		
EDU 315	Educational Assessment: Elementary Schools	2		
EDU 316	Education in a Multicultural Society	3		
EDU 388	Elementary Field Experience I	2		
EDU 389	Elementary Field Experience II	2		
EDU 494	Clinical Experience Elementary	12		
EDS 322	Instructional Planning for Inclusive Elementary Classrooms	3		
EDS 360	Students with Exceptionalities in School	3	EDU 200	x
HIS XXX	HIS Course	3	HST 111 or HST 112	x
GEO XXX	GEO course	3	GEO 105 or GEO 110 or GEO 115	x
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 110	x
CMST 101	Public Speaking	3	COMM 110	x
STA 113	Probability and Statistics with Elementary Education Applications	3	MAT 131	x
BIO 120/120L	Understanding the Living World	4	BIO 111	x

NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
SCI 110	Integrative Science	4		
ENG 102	Writing and Research	3	ENG 102 or ENG 103	x
ARTE 280	Art for Elementary Education	3		
ENG 386	Children's Literature	3	LIT 270	x
HEA 250	Health Education for Elementary Teachers	2	ECE 155	x
MAT 140	Arithmetic Structures for Elementary Teachers	3		
MAT 141	Geometry I for K-8 Teachers	3		
MUS 260	Music Fundamentals and Skills for Classroom Teachers	3		
PHE 250	Physical Education for Elementary Teachers	2		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	63		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at CState	38		
	Total Major Credit Hours	101		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	123-125		

EDU 307 is waived if student provides documentation of 50 hours of field experience in an education setting. If EDU 307 is waived, student must complete EDU 334: Portfolio Development (1 credit).

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