



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate of Arts To
Bachelor of Arts in Middle Grades 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 Middle Grades 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.

In addition, students must meet the following requirements for admission into 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 Middle Grades 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 MIDDLE GRADES 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	
TBS XXX	Arts/Humanities List A Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Arts/Humanities List B Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Social/Behavioral Science List A Elective	3	TBD XXX	
PSY 110	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 100	
MAT 1XX	Mathematics Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Natural/Physical Science Elective 1	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Natural/Physical Science Elective 2	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Ohio Transfer 36 Elective 1	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Ohio Transfer 36 Elective 2	3	TBD XXX	
Subtotal General Education Courses		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.

Note: Students should check chosen tracks for possible options for general education courses.

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	
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 Electives 5 – 7	9	TBD XXX	
Total Associate Degree Credit Hours		62		

Note: Students should check chosen tracks for possible options for directed electives.

Students who choose special education as one of their content tracks at NKU are not required to take *EDS 360 Students with Exceptionalities in Schools* and can replace EDU 200 with a directed elective course.

Northern Kentucky University

Students must complete the following courses for a BA in Middle Grades Education. In addition, students must complete the content courses and the methods courses in at least two of the following teaching fields: English and Communication, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, or Special Education. Special Education must be completed as a second major.

Category 3: NKU Major Requirements for the BA in Middle Grades 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 304	Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum: Middle Grades	3		
EDU 305	Introduction to Education	2	EDU 105	x
EDU 309	Admission Field Experience Middle Grades	2		
EDU 313	Instructional Technology	3	EDU 110	x
EDU 316	Education in a Multicultural Society	3		
EDU 318	Classroom Climate Management: Middle School	2		
EDU 343	Educational Assessment Middle Schools	2		
EDU 344	Fundamentals of Middle Grades Education	2		
EDU 391	Middle Grades Field Experience I	2		
EDU 394	Middle Grades Field Experience II	2		
EDU 495	Clinical Experience Middle Grades	12		
EDS 323	Instructional Planning for Inclusive Middle Level Classrooms	3		
EDS 360	Students with Exceptionalities in Schools	3	EDU 200	x
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 110	x
CMST 101	Public Speaking	3	COMM 110	x
ENG 102	Advanced College Writing	3	ENGL 102 or ENG 103	x
Select 2:	Select two courses from the following:			
EDU 345	Teaching Language Arts in Middle Grades	6		
EDU 346	Teaching Science in Middle Grades			
EDU 347	Teaching Math in Middle Grades			
EDU 348	Teaching Social Studies in Middle Grades			
	Subtotal Education Core Credit Hours at NKU	40		
	Subtotal Education Core Credit Hours at CState	20		
	Subtotal Track Hours at NKU	varies		
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NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	120-130		

EDU 309 is waived if student provides documentation of 50 hours of field experience in an education setting. If EDU 309 is waived, student must complete EDU 334: Portfolio Development (1 credit).

Total credits hours depend on the selected content area tracks and the courses within the tracks taken while at Cincinnati State. Special Education will require more total hours.

Content Area Tracks

Students select two content area tracks from the following: English/Communication, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, and Special Education. Special Education must be completed as a second major.

Category 4: NKU English/Communications Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
ENG 102	Advanced College Writing	3	ENG 102 or ENG 103	x
ENG 200	Understanding Literature	3	LIT 200	
ENG 208	Survey of American Literature I	3	LIT 251	
ENG 209	Survey of American Literature II	3	LIT 252	
ENG 371	Traditional Grammar	3		
ENG 530	Readings in the English Language	3		
CMST 310	Argumentation	3		
ENG 231 or ENG 331	Introduction to Creative Writing or Persuasive Writing	3	ENG 131 or ENG 132	
	Subtotal NKU English/Communications Track Credit Hours	21		

Category 5: NKU Social Studies Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
HIS 102	History of the United States through 1877	3	HST 111	
HIS 103	History of the United States since 1877	3	HST 112	
HIS 108	World History to 1500	3	HST 101	
HIS 109	World History since 1500	3	HST 102	
GEO 101	World Regional Geography	3	GEO 105	
PSC 102	Comparative Politics	3	POL 102	
ECO 205	Economics for Teachers	3		
ANT 100 or SOC 100	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology or Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 105	
	Subtotal NKU Social Studies Track Credit Hours	24		

Category 6: NKU Mathematics Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
MAT 110	Introduction to Probability	3		
MAT 112	Applied Calculus	3	MAT 215	
MAT 116	Arithmetic Structures for Middle Grades Teachers	3		
MAT 117	Algebra for Middle Grades Teachers	3		
MAT 141	Geometry I for K-8 Teachers	3		
MAT 240	Geometry II for K-8 Teachers	3		
STA 204	Statistics for Middle Grades Teachers	3		
Select 1: MAT 114 MAT 119 MAT 128 MAT 129 MAT 185 MAT 227	Select one course: Finite Mathematics Pre-Calculus Mathematics Calculus A Calculus I Introductory Discrete Mathematics Calculus B	3-4	MAT 152 or MAT 153 or MAT 251	
	Subtotal NKU Mathematics Track Credit Hours	24		

Category 7: NKU Science Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
BIO 120/120L	Understanding the Living World	4	BIO 111	
CHE 112 and CHE 112L	Chemistry and Society with Laboratory	4		
PHY 110	Introduction to Physics with Laboratory	4		
AST 110	Solar System Astronomy with Laboratory	4	PSC 105	
GLY 110	The Face of the Earth with Laboratory	4	PSC 110	
Select 1: BIO 150/150L BIO 151/151L BIO 208/208L BIO 123 BIO 121/121L SCI 110 PHY 211 PHY 213 GLY 120/120L GLY 115 AST 115	Select one course: Introduction to Biology I Introduction to Biology II Human Anatomy and Physiology I Human Ecology Diseases and the Systems They Affect Integrative Science General Physics with Laboratory I General Physics with Laboratory II This Dangerous Earth History of the Earth Stars, Galaxies, and Cosmology with Laboratory	3-5	BIO 131 BIO 132 BIO 151 PHY 151 PHY 152	
	Subtotal NKU Science Track Credit Hours	24		

Category 8: NKU Special Education in Middle Grades Major

NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
EDS 364	Characteristics of Learning Disabilities	3		
EDS 365	Characteristics of Emotion/Behavioral Disorder	3		
EDS 561	Intellectual and Orthopedic Disabilities	3		
EDS 570	Working with Families of Students with Disabilities	3		
EDS 572	Secondary Special Education Programs	3		
EDS 362	Applied Behavior Analysis for Students with Disabilities	3		
EDS 464	Assessment Learning and Behavior Disorders	3		
EDS 472	Special Education Methods and Materials	3		
EDS 473	Special Education Field Experience	2		
EDU 493	Clinical Experience Middle Grades with Special Education	12		
MAT 116	Arithmetic Structures for Middle Grade Teachers	3		
MAT 141	Geometry I for K-8 Teachers	3		
	Subtotal NKU Special Education Major Credit Hours	44		

Students who choose Special Education as their second track will need to complete EDU 493 as their clinical experience and will not need EDU 495.

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