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## TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

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### TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate of Applied Science in Nursing To  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing – R.N. to B.S.N.

#### ***Overview***

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Nursing degree at Cincinnati State (CState) and leads to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) 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.

Admission Requirements for the R.N. to B.S.N. program:

- Be fully admitted to NKU as a degree-seeking student.
- Submit a separate application to the R.N. to B.S.N. program.
- Submit to the Office of Admissions:
  - Official transcripts from an associate degree in nursing.
  - Official transcripts from all postsecondary work completed.
- Possess a cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Complete the following prerequisite courses with a minimum grade of C in each course.

Courses in parentheses are Cincinnati State courses.

- ENG 101 (ENG 101) and ENG 102 (ENG 102, ENG 103, or ENG 104)
- BIO 208/208L (BIO 151) and BIO 209/209L (BIO 152)
- BIO 202/202L (BIO 220)
- PSY 100 (PSY 110)
- PSY 321 (PSY 225) or EDU 300 (EDU 210)
- PHI 220 or PHI 200 (PHI 110)
- Hold current, unrestricted R.N. licensure prior to taking nursing courses the first semester of admission to R.N. to B.S.N. program. Proof of R.N. licensure in state of practice is mandatory prior to enrollment in any nursing course.

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 Cincinnati State students who choose to enroll in the fully online program. Visit our website for more information about the [Nursing 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 higher in all major courses, and meet all prerequisites for courses and requirements for the major. A minor is not 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 NURSING TO  
NKU BSN IN NURSING CHECKLIST**

**Cincinnati State**

**Category 1: Ohio Transfer 36 Requirements**

<b>CState Course</b>	<b>Course or Category</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>NKU Course</b>	<b>Completed</b>
ENG 101	English Composition 1	3	ENG 101	
ENG 102 or ENG 103 or ENG 104	English Composition 2: Contemporary Issues or English Composition 2: Writing about Literature or English Composition 2: Technical Communication	3	ENG 102	
MAT 105	Quantitative Reasoning for the Sciences	3	MAH 000T	
PSY 110	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 100	
BIO 220	Microbiology	3	BIO 202/202L	
	<b>Subtotal General Education Courses</b>	<b>15</b>		

**Category 2: CState Degree Requirements for the AAS in Nursing**

<b>CState Course</b>	<b>Course or Category</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>NKU Course</b>	<b>Completed</b>
FYE 1XX	First Year Experience Elective	1	UNV 100T	
BIO 151	Anatomy and Physiology 1	4	BIO 208/208L	
BIO 152	Anatomy and Physiology 2	4	BIO 209/209L	
SOC 105	Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 100	
NUR 101	Nursing Concepts 1	3	NUR 300T	
NUR 102	Nursing Concepts 2	6	NUR 300T	
NUR 103	Nursing Concepts 3	9	NUR 300T	
NUR 201	Nursing Concepts 4	11	NUR 400T	
NUR 202	Nursing Concepts 5	9	NUR 400T	
	<b>Total Associate Degree Credit Hours</b>	<b>65</b>		

## 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	
TBS XXX	Cultural Pluralism	3		
TBS XXX	Culture & Creativity	6		
	<b>Subtotal General Education Courses</b>	<b>12</b>		

TBS XXX means to be selected.

### Category 4: NKU Major Requirements for the BSN in Nursing

NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
STA 205	Statistical Methods	3	MAT 131 + MAT 132	
PSY 321 or EDU 300	Lifespan Development or Human Growth and Development	3	PSY 225 or EDU 210	
PHI 200 or PHI 220	Ethics or Health Care Ethics	3	PHI 110	
HIN 355	Foundations of Health Informatics	3		
NRP 470	Role Transformation	3		
NRP 472	Nursing Research and Evidence based Practice	3		
NRP 474	Models of Care Delivery	3		
NRP 475	Population Centered Health in the Community	3		
NRP 476	Genetics and Genomics in Nursing	3		
NRP 477	Leadership in Nursing	3		
NRP 478	Nursing Leadership Practicum	3		
NRP 481	Current Trends & Issues in Nursing	3		
NRP 483	Caring & Communication for Older Adults	3		
	Elective credits covered by the NCLEX	4		
	<b>Subtotal NKU Courses Credit Hours</b>	<b>55</b>		
	<b>Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours</b>	<b>120</b>		

### **National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN)**

A requirement for admission to the R.N. to B.S.N. program is an active registered nursing license. In order to obtain a nursing license, nurses must take and pass the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). Validation for passing the exam will be to verify a current license with the state board of nursing in which the student is licensed.

Students with an active registered nursing license will receive credit for NKU courses according to the chart below after they are enrolled in the R.N. to B.S.N. program.

<b>EXAMINATION</b>	<b>PREREQUISITE</b>	<b>MINIMUM SCORE</b>	<b>EQUIVALENT NKU COURSES</b>	<b>SEMESTER CREDITS</b>
Active registered nursing license via NCLEX.	ADN or Diploma	Pass	NRS 330 Principles of Psych & Mental Health Nursing (3) NRS 330P Psych & Mental Health Nursing Practicum (2) NRS 360 Principles of OB & Newborn Nursing (3) NRS 360P OB & Newborn Nursing Practicum (2) NRS 415 Principles of Pediatric Nursing (3) NRS 415P Pediatric Nursing Practicum (2) NRS 450 Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing (3) NRS 450P Advanced Medical-Surgical Practicum (2) SCI 100G (3)	23

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