



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate of Arts to
Bachelor of Science in Radiation Therapy

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 Science (BS) in Radiation Therapy degree at Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

The Radiation Therapy pathway is a 2 + 3 pathway where students earn their Associate of Arts degree at Cincinnati State and then transfer to NKU. Alternatively, students can choose to transfer to NKU upon completion of listed courses before meeting Cincinnati State degree requirements and then use the reverse transfer process to use credits taken at NKU to fulfill the remaining associate degree requirements. A minimum of three years will be required to complete the Bachelor of Science in Radiation Therapy degree after transferring to NKU.

Education for the radiation therapy student is an integrated plan of classroom, laboratory, and clinical education. In addition to regular classroom coursework, students spend an average of 20 hours per week practicing their skills at an area clinical site. Please note that some required courses are offered in an online only format.

The Bachelor of Science in Radiation Therapy Program at Northern Kentucky University is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT).

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.

Special admission requirements: Due to the limited number of clinical placements and the competitive and appealing nature of the program, the radiation therapy program has a selective admission process. **The annual application deadline is February 15 for the class that will begin in August of that year.**

Students are admitted into the professional portion of the program (Years 2, 3, 4) through a selective admission process. Students with the highest ranking based on the following criteria are accepted into the professional portion.

1. A minimum 2.8 GPA in the most recent 30 hours of college work attempted, based on a 4.0 scale.

2. Satisfactory completion of the following courses with a grade of C or better for each course:

- BIO 208/BIO 208L: Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- PHY 110: Introduction to Physics with Laboratory
- MAT 119 or MAT 129: Pre-Calculus or Calculus
- ENG 101: Writing for College and Beyond
- BIO 209/BIO 209L: Human Anatomy and Physiology II (although not required at the time of application, students must complete this course prior to starting the radiation therapy program)

3. Shadowing a radiation therapist in the clinical setting is highly recommended

Additional points are earned in the selection process for:

- Current student or alumni of NKU
- Health care experience
- Shadowing experience in Radiation Oncology
- Previous application to Radiation Therapy

Conditional acceptance into the program can be given to students enrolled in any of the prerequisite courses by the priority application date of **February 15**. Successful completion of these courses with a grade of C or better must be documented at the end of the term for final program admission.

English Proficiency: A certain level of English proficiency is necessary for academic success in radiation therapy courses as well as for patient and client safety. For this reason, applicants whose native language is other than English must demonstrate an established level of English proficiency by taking the Internet-based TOEFL as part of the application process and must have a minimum cumulative score of

90 with minimum individual scores of 26 in speaking, 22 in listening, 20 in writing, and 22 in reading. Only official scores will be accepted and the testing must be within two years of application to the program. Only the Internet-based TOEFL (iBT) will be accepted. Students must register for the iBT using the school code for Northern Kentucky University which is #1574. Students must take the test early enough to ensure that the results are reported to the university by required application deadlines. “Official language” is defined as an individual’s first acquired language and the language of educational instruction. For a complete list of NKU approved countries with English as the “official language,” please contact the International Student & Scholar Services at 859-572-6517 or <https://inside.nku.edu/internationalstudents.html>. The Test of English as a Foreign Language is offered by the Educational Testing Service and may be taken at various test centers throughout the world.

The TOEFL requirement may be appealed under extenuating circumstances. The appeal should be made in writing to the Radiation Therapy program director, who may request that the applicant have an interview with the director or designee.

Student criminal background check: Healthcare agencies are charged with providing care and protecting the safety of vulnerable populations including children and the aged. Agencies used for clinical placement require students to undergo criminal background checks and may deny clinical access to those convicted of felonies and certain misdemeanors. Conviction of these offenses may result in a student’s denial of admission to, or dismissal from, the College of Health and Human Services. Students admitted to the radiologic science program are required to submit to criminal background checks as identified by the College of Health and Human Services. Failure of the background check will result in the inability to be placed at a clinical site and subsequent dismissal from the program.

The student is responsible for notifying the College of Health and Human Services of any change in the status of this record. Note that successful completion of a criminal background check does not ensure eligibility for certification, licensure, or future employment.

You should also know: The radiation therapy program is a full-time, daytime program. The schedule for the week is full with classes and clinical assignments as well as out-of-class/clinical assignments. The time frame is demanding, and any work outside of the program needs to be both flexible and limited in hours per week for the student to be successful.

Students must be physically free of illegal drugs and alcohol. Drug testing may be required by specific clinical sites at the student’s expense. Failure of a drug test may result in program dismissal.

Students with a disability should declare the disability and provide verification to the Office of Disability Programs and Services so that reasonable accommodations can be made.

Progression: A student must achieve a grade of at least *C* in each RTT course, as well as in required courses for the major, to continue in the 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 and meet all 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.

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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 ENG 102 ENG 102 GWR 200G	
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	
TBS XXX	Social/Behavioral Sciences List B Elective	3	TBD XXX	
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	
MAT 153 or MAT 251	Pre-Calculus or Calculus 1	5-6	MAT 119 + MAT 100T MAT 129 + MAT 100T	
BIO 151	Anatomy and Physiology 1	4	BIO 208/208L	
BIO 152	Anatomy and Physiology 2	4	BIO 209/209L	
Subtotal General Education Core		40-41		

TBS XXX means to be selected by Cincinnati 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	2	CEP 101	
HUM XXX	Co-op/Internship Elective 1	1	TBD XXX	
HUM XXX	Co-op/Internship Elective 2	1	TBD XXX	

CState Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
HIM 105	Legal Aspects of Health Information Management	2	UND 100T	
HIM 120	Health Information Technology Systems	3	HIN 355	
PHY 110	Health Physics	3	PHY 100G + PLAB 100G	
TBS XXX	Directed Electives	8-9	TBD XXX	
	Total Associate Degree Credit Hours	62		

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

Northern Kentucky University

Category 3: NKU Major Requirements for the BS in Radiation Therapy

NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
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
ENG 101	College Writing	3	ENG 101	x
PHY 110	Introduction to Physics with Lab	4	Satisfied by PHY 110	x
STA 205	Statistical Methods	3	MAT 131 + MAT 132	x
HIN 355	Foundations of Health Informatics	3	HIM 120	x
HSC 413	Aging in Today's Society	3		
HSC 421	Healthcare Research	3		
HSC 440	Issues in Chronic Disease Management	3		
MAT 119 or MAT 129	Precalculus Mathematics or Calculus I	3-4	MAT 153 MAT 251	x
HHS 230	Communication and Patient Care	3		
RAD 310	Advanced Imaging Sectional Anatomy	3		
RTT 200	Introduction to Radiation Therapy	3		
RTT 208	Clinical Oncology I	3		
RTT 209	Clinical Oncology II	3		
RTT 214	Radiation Therapy Simulation Lab	3		
RTT 220	Radiation Therapy Physics I	3		
RTT 221	Radiation Therapy Physics II	3		
RTT 286	Radiation Therapy Practicum I	3		
RTT 296	Radiation Therapy Practicum II	2		
RTT 308	Clinical Oncology III	3		
RTT 320	Treatment Planning I	3		
RTT 321	Treatment Planning II	3		
RTT 340	Radiation Biology	3		
RTT 341	Radiation Therapy Protection	2		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
RTT 376	Radiation Therapy Practicum III	3		
RTT 386	Radiation Therapy Practicum IV	3		
RTT 396	Radiation Therapy Practicum V	2		
RTT 470	Imaging Modalities	3		
RTT 480	Radiation Therapy Capstone	3		
RTT 486	Radiation Therapy Practicum VI	3		
RTT 496	Radiation Therapy Practicum VII	3		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	72		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at CState	24		
	Total Major Credit Hours	96		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	134		

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