



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate of Applied Science in Respiratory Care Technology To
Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care Completion Program

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Respiratory Care Technology degree at Cincinnati State (CState) and leads to the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Respiratory Care Completion Program 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. In addition, students must meet the admissions requirements for the Respiratory Care Completion Program listed below.

- Students must be a graduate of a CoARC accredited program.
- Have a GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for all transferable college work.
- Have a current Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credential from the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC). Credits can be earned for specific NKU courses for students with credentials such as ACCS, NPS, RPFT, and SDS. Additional information is given at the end of this document.
- Meet all eligibility requirements for admission into NKU.
- Students who have not completed the Ohio Transfer 36 will be required to take

- additional general education courses at NKU.
- All academic work must be evaluated by NKU Admissions Office and the Respiratory Care Program Director.

This major is 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 [Respiratory Care Completion 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 and meet all 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 RESPIRATORY CARE TECHNOLOGY TO
NKU BS IN RESPIRATORY CARE COMPLETION PROGRAM 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	English Composition 2: Contemporary Issues	3	ENG 102	
MAT 131	Statistics I	3	STA 113	
PSY 110	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 100	
BIO 151	Anatomy and Physiology 1	4	BIO 208/208L	
	Subtotal General Education Courses	16		

Category 2: CState Degree Requirements for the AAS in Respiratory Care Technology

CState Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
FYE 1XX	First Year Experience Elective	1	UNV 100T	
BIO 152	Anatomy and Physiology 2	4	BIO 209/209L	
BIO 220	Microbiology	3	BIO 202/202L	
BIO 240	Pathophysiology	3	HSC 300T	
RT 100	Introduction to Respiratory Care	1	HSC 101	
RT 101	Respiratory Care Science	4	RSP 201/201L	
RT 102	Respiratory Care Science 2	4	RSP 220	
RT 103	Mechanical Ventilation	4	RSP 310	
RT 111	Respiratory Care Clinical Practice 1	2	RSP 286	
RT 112	Respiratory Care Clinical Practice 2	2	RSP 296	
RT 172	Cardiopulmonary Anatomy and Physiology	4	RSP 235	
RT 173	Cardiopulmonary Disease	4	RSP 350	
RT 201	Advance Respiratory Critical Care	3	RSP 331	
RT 202	Specialties in Respiratory Care	2	RSP 300T	
RT 203	Respiratory Care Seminar	2	RSP 480	
RT 204	Respiratory Care Capstone	1	RSP 300T	
RT 211	Respiratory Clinical Practice 3	2	RSP 386	
RT 212	Respiratory Clinical Practice 4	2	RSP 486	
	Total Associate Degree Credit Hours	64		

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	Natural Science Course	3		
TBS XXX	Self & Society	6		
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 BS in Respiratory Care Completion Program

NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
HHS 500	Teaching & Learning in Healthcare Education	3		
RSP 430	Advanced Pathophysiology	3		
RSP 441	Evidence-based Practice in Resp Care	3		
RSP 445	Health Assessment and Promotion	3		
RSP 460	Advanced Respiratory Critical Care	3		
RSP 484	Accelerated Respiratory Care Capstone	1.5		
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HIN 355	Foundations of Health Informatics	3		
HSC 410	Healthcare Management	3		
HSC 421	Healthcare Research	3		
Select 1: HSC 413 HSC 480 HSC 510 LDR 315	Select one healthcare/leadership elective: Aging in Today's Society Global Perspectives in Health Care Trends and Cultural Issues in Healthcare Leading People in Organizations	3		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours Taken at NKU	30		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours Taken at CState	0		
	Total Credit Hours Required for the Major	30		

Category 5: Additional Requirements at NKU

	Category	Credits		
	Subtotal Elective Credit Hours (may need 300+ level courses)	5		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	120		

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National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC)

Students who have taken and received a passing score on a certification examination from the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC), as determined by the Department of Allied Health, will receive credit for equivalent NKU courses. Please note: Students will need to complete 30 credit hours at NKU regardless of credits.

The chart below lists the examinations, prerequisites, minimum score, the equivalent NKU courses and the maximum number of hours.

EXAMINATION	PREREQUISITE	EQUIVALENT NKU COURSES	TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS
NBRC - Adult Critical Care Specialty (RRT-ACCS)	NBRC - Registered Respiratory Care (RRT)	RSP 430 Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NBRC - Neonatal/Pediatric Respiratory Care Specialist (RRT-NPS), or Registered Pulmonary Function (RPFT)	NBRC - Registered Respiratory Care (RRT)	RSP 496 Clinical Practicum VI	3
NBRC - Sleep Disorders Testing and Therapeutic Intervention Specialist (RRT-SDS)	NBRC - Registered Respiratory Care (RRT)	RSP 451 Polysomnography I RSP 452 Polysomnography II	6

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