



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate of Arts To
Bachelor of Social Work

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 Social Work (BSW) 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.

Note: To move on to Phase 2 in the path to a Bachelor of Social Work at NKU, students must earn a C- or better in six required pre-requisite courses (SWK 105, SWK 106, SWK 204, SWK 205, SWK 206, and a 3 hour statistics course) and have maintained a minimum overall GPA of 2.75.

Degree Requirements for NKU

To graduate with a Bachelor of Social Work, a student must successfully complete all required social work courses and all program required supportive courses with a grade of C- or better and have a

minimum GPA of 2.75 or higher. At least 45 credit hours must be 300 level or above. Students must meet the pre-requisites for each course. At least 25 percent of the total required hours and the last 30 credit hours must be completed at NKU. Students must complete a minimum of 120 credit hours. A focus or 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 BSW

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	
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	
SOC 105	Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 100	
TBS XXX	Ohio Transfer 36 Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Ohio Transfer 36 Elective	3	TBD XXX	
MAT 131	Statistics I	3	STA 113	
TBS XXX	Natural/Physical Science Elective	3-5	TBD XXX	
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Subtotal General Education Core		36-40		

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	1-3	UNV 100T	
HUM 190	Career Exploration Seminar: Associate of Arts and Sciences	2	CEP 101	
HUM 191 or HUM 192 or HUM 291 or HUM 292 or HUM 296	Part-Time Cooperative Education 1 or Part-Time Cooperative Education 2 or Full-Time Cooperative Education 1 or Full-Time Cooperative Education 2 or Full-Time Career Education Project	2	CEP 300	
SWK 110	Introduction to Social Work	3	SWK 105	
SWK 200	Social Welfare Policy	3	SWK 203	
Taken at NKU	Introduction to Social Justice	3	SWK 106	
Taken at NKU	Social Work Ethics	3	SWK 204	
Taken at NKU	Inclusion, Oppression, & Social Work	3	SWK 205	
Taken at NKU	Professional Communication	3	SWK 206	
TBS XXX	Elective	3	TBS XXX	
Total Associate Degree Credit Hours		62-66		

Northern Kentucky University

Category 3: NKU Major Requirements for the BSW

NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
SWK 105	Social Work and the Community	3	SWK 110	x
SWK 106	Introduction to Social Justice	3		x
SWK 204	Social Work Ethics	3		x
SWK 205	Inclusion, Oppression, & Social Work	3		x
SWK 206	Professional Communication	3		x
STA XXX	Any 3 credit hours of Statistics	3	MAT 131	x
SWK 303	Professional Interactional Skills	3		
SWK 304	Human Behavior in Childhood	3		
SWK 305	Practice with Individuals	3		
SWK 306	Contemporary Social Welfare Policy	3		
SWK 307	Human Behavior in Adulthood	3		
SWK 308	Social Work Research	3		
SWK 310	Practice with Families & Groups	3		
SWK 311	Practice with Communities & Organizations	3		
SWK 406	Field Experience I	5		
SWK 408	Field Experience II	5		
Select 9 cr:	Select 9 credit hours from the following: Special Topics: Social Work (1-3 cr) Child Abuse Child Welfare PCWCP I Child Welfare PCWCP II Safety in Social Work Practice (1-4 cr) Special Topics: Bachelor of Social Work (1-3 cr) Independent Study (1-6 cr) Substance Use and Misuse Compassion, Empathy and Forgiveness Family-Directed Structural Model Forensic Social Work Social Work & the Law Social Work in Law Enforcement Settings Aging & Mental Health Gerontology Special Topics: Issues in Social Work (1-3 cr) Social Work Study Abroad	9		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours Taken at NKU	43		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours Taken at CState	18		
	Total Credit Hours Required for the Major	61		

Category 4: Additional Requirements at NKU

	Category	Credits		
	Subtotal Minor or Focus	12-24		
	Subtotal Elective Credit Hours	0-3		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	120-133		

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