



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate in Applied Science in Human and Social Services to Bachelor of Social Work

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Human and Social Services at Gateway Community and Technical College (GCTC) and leads to the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) at Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

Applying to the Gateway2NKU 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 Gateway CTC, enrolled in an associate degree program, plan to transfer to NKU, and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA at Gateway CTC.

Degree Requirements for GCTC

1. Completion of minimum 60 credit hours
2. Minimum cumulative GPA 2.0
3. Minimum of 15 credit hours earned at the institution awarding the degree,
4. Demonstration of digital literacy

Admission Requirements to 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 124}, SWK 106 {SWK 106U}, 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. The AAS in Human Services will serve as an imbedded focus area counting toward degree requirements.

1. Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours
2. Complete at least 25% of the credit hours required at NKU
3. Complete the last 30 credit hours at NKU
4. Complete at least 45 credit hours numbered 300 or above
5. Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA across all major coursework
6. Meet all requirements for the major
7. Completion of a minor, focus, or second major (if required by major)

General Transfer Information

Students must complete the online application to NKU. There is no application fee for students who are transferring from a KCTCS institution.

KCTCS Scholars Award: Students who are KY residents transferring directly from a KCTCS institution with at least 36 hours from that institution and minimum GPA of 3.0, were never enrolled as a degree-seeking student at NKU, and will be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours both fall and spring semester are eligible for a limited number of annual scholarships (fall and spring only). Students must gain admission to NKU by June 15 for fall and November 1 for spring to be eligible for a possible scholarship. Online accelerated programs are not eligible for the KCTCS Scholars Award.

Tuition and scholarship information specific to transfer students can be viewed on the NKU Adult & Transfer Center website

GCTC AAS in HUMAN SERVICES TO NKU BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK CHECKLIST

Gateway Community and Technical College

Category 1: GCTC General Education Requirements

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
ENG 101	Writing I (WC)	3	ENG 101	
ENG 102	Writing II (WC)	3	ENG 102	
COM 181 or COM 252	Basic Public Speaking (OC) or Intro to Interpersonal Communications (OC)	3	CMST 101 CMST 220	
PSY 110	General Psychology (SB)	3	PSY 100	
SWK 124	Introduction to Social Services (SB)	3	SWK 105	
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (SB)	3	SOC 100	
SWK 106U	Introduction to Social Justice (AH)	3	SWK 106	
MAT 151	Introduction to Applied Statistics (QR)	3	STA 100G	
TBS XXX	Natural Science (SN)	3	TBD XXX	
Subtotal General Education Courses		27		

TBS XXX means to be selected by GCTC student.

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

To complete general education certification, student must take a lab science class. For example, if a student takes BIO 112: Introduction to Biology for the natural science requirement, they should also take the BIO 113 lab course to complete the general education requirements for transfer.

Category 2: GCTC AAS Requirements for Human Services

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
CIT 105 or OST 105 or FYE 110	Introduction to Computing or Introduction to Information Systems or First Year Experience and Applications	3	INF 101 or UNV 100T	
HMS 101	Human Services Survey	3	HSR 100	
HMS 102	Values of Human Services in a Contemporary Society	3	HSR 300	
HMS 103	Theories and Techniques in Human Services	3	HSR 105	
HMS 104	Group Dynamics for Human Services	3	HSR 200T	
HMS 220/ SWK 220	Cultural Diversity in Human Services	3	HSR 303/ HSR 200T	
HMS 251	Clinical Practice in Human Services	3	HSR 304	
Taken at NKU	Inclusion, Oppression, & Social Work	3	SWK 305	
Taken at NKU	Technical Course: Social Work Ethics	3	SWK 204	
TBS XXX	Elective: Heritage course (to be Gen Ed certified)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Elective: Natural Science with Lab (to be Gen Ed certified)	4	TBD XXX	

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
	Subtotal AAS Requirement Courses	33		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	61		

Students must demonstrate digital literacy skills, either through completing a course or passing a test.

Northern Kentucky University

Category 3: NKU Major Requirements for Bachelor of Social Work

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
SWK 105	Social Work and the Community	3	SWK 124	x
SWK 106	Introduction to Social Justice	3	SWK 106U	x
SWK 204	Social Work Ethics	3	Taken at NKU	x
SWK 205	Inclusion, Oppression, & Social Work	3	Taken at NKU	x
SWK 206	Professional Communication	3		
STA XXX	Any 3 credit hours of Statistics	3	MAT 151	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: SWK 394 SWK 410 SWK 415 SWK 416 SWK 474 SWK 494 SWK 499 SWK 525 SWK 565 SWK 568 SWK 572 SWK 576 SWK 577 SWK 578 SWK 579	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	9		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
SWK 594 SWK 595	Special Topics: Issues in Social Work (1-3 cr) Social Work Study Abroad			
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	46		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at GCTC	61		
	Total Major Credit Hours	61		

Category 4: Additional Requirements at NKU

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTCS Course	Taken at GCTC
	Subtotal Elective Hours	13		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	120		

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