

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE

2025-2026

Associate of Arts in Social Work at Sinclair College to a
Bachelor of Social Work at Northern Kentucky University

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate of Arts (AA) in Social Work degree at Sinclair College and leads to the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree at Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

Degree Requirements for Sinclair College

To earn a degree at Sinclair College, a student must complete a minimum of 60 credit hours, attain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0, and earn a minimum of 20 credit hours at Sinclair College.

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.

Tuition and Scholarships

For information on tuition and scholarships, please visit <https://nku.edu/admissions/adult/online.html>

NKU Contact

For more information, students should contact Kim McCoy, Assistant Director of Transfer Services, at mccoyk8@nku.edu.

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.

SINCLAIR COLLEGE AA IN SOCIAL WORK TO NKU BSW CHECKLIST

Sinclair College

Category 1: Sinclair Requirements for the AA in Social Work

Sinclair Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
BIO 1111	General Biology I	4	BIO 1111 + BIO 1211 = BIO 120/120L + BIO 100T	
BIO 1211 or TBS XXX	General Biology II or Ohio Transfer 36: Natural & Physical Sciences Elective	4	BIO 1111 + BIO 1211 = BIO 120/120L + BIO 100T	
COM 2206	Interpersonal Communication	3	CMST 220	
ECO 1100 or ECO 2160	Introduction to Economics or Principles of Macroeconomics	3	ECO 100 ECO 100	
ENG 1101	English Composition I	3	ENG 101	
ENG 1201	English Composition II	3	ENG 102	
MAT 1450	Introductory Statistics	3	STA 205	
MHT 1130 or TBS XXX	Fundamentals of Addiction Counseling CDCA Preliminary or Ohio Transfer 36: Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective	3	HSR 450 TBD XXX	
PLS 1120 or PLS 2200	American Federal Government or Political Life, Systems & Issues	3	PSC 100 PSC 102	
PSY 1100	General Psychology	3	PSY 100	
SCC 1101	First Year Experience	1	UNV 101	
SOC 1101	Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 100	
SOC 1115	Sociology of Marriage & Family	3	SOC 315	
SWK 1206	Introduction to Social Work	3	SWK 105	
SWK 1213	Introduction to Social Welfare	3	SWK 100T	
SWK 2207	Anti-Oppressive Social Work	3	SWK 205	
TBS XXX	Ohio Transfer 36: Arts & Humanities Elective	6	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Modern Language Elective	6-8	TBD XXX	
	Total Associate Degree Hours	60-62		

TBS XXX means to be selected by Sinclair College student.

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

Northern Kentucky University

Category 2: NKU Major Requirements for the Bachelor of Social Work

NKU Course	Course	Credits	Sinclair Course	Taken at Sinclair
SWK 105	Social Work and the Community	3	SWK 1206	x
SWK 106	Introduction to Social Justice	3		
SWK 204	Social Work Ethics	3		
SWK 205	Inclusion, Oppression, & Social Work	3	SWK 2207	x
SWK 206	Professional Communication	3		
STA XXX	Any 3 credit hours of Statistics	3	MAT 1450	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 SWK 594 SWK 595	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		
	Total NKU Major Credit Hours	61		
	Less Major Credit Hours from Sinclair	9		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	52		

Category 3: Additional Requirements at NKU

NKU Course	Course	Credits	Sinclair Course	Taken at Sinclair
	Subtotal Minor Credit Hours Taken at NKU	12-24		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	124-138		

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