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## TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

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### TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate in Arts to  
Bachelor of Arts in Middle Grades Education

#### ***Overview***

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate in Arts (AA) at Maysville Community and Technical College (MCTC) and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Middle Grades Education at Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

#### ***Applying to the MCTC2NKU 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 MCTC, enrolled in an associate degree program, plan to transfer to NKU, and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA at MCTC.

#### ***Degree Requirements for MCTC***

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) cultural studies course, 5) demonstration of digital literacy, and 6) college success requirement.

#### ***Admission Requirements to 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 following requirements for admission into Education. Courses in parentheses are MCTC course equivalents.

- A minimum overall GPA of 2.75
- A minimum grade of "B" in CMST 101 (COM 181) and ENG 102 (ENG 102)
- A minimum grade of "C" in all other pre-admission courses and required EDU and EDS courses which include EDU 300 (EDP 202), EDU 305 (EDU 201), EDU 313 (EDU 204), and EDS 360 (EDP 203).

- Meet the entrance exam requirement through an approved combination of passing scores on the ACT and/or Praxis I Core Academic Skills for Educators exams
  - o ACT Comp. 22 -OR-
  - o Reading (ACT: 20 -or- Praxis I: 156) and
  - o Eng./Writing (ACT: 18 -or- Praxis I: 162) and
  - o Mathematics (ACT: 19 -or- Praxis I: 150)

ACT scores must be less than 5 years old at time of admissions semester
- Pass criminal background check
- 60 semester hours completed
- An acceptable portfolio
- A completed application to the Teacher Education 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 majoring in Middle Grades Education must maintain a GPA of 2.75 overall and in major courses and earn a minimum grade of C in all education courses. Students must meet the pre-requisites for each course. No minor is required for this 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 \$2,500 annual scholarships (\$1,250 per fall and spring). 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.

## MCTC AA TO NKU BA IN MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION CHECKLIST

### Maysville Community and Technical College

#### Category 1: MCTC General Education Core Requirements

MCTC 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	Basic Public Speaking (OC)	3	CMST 101	
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH) – Heritage	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH) – Humanities	3	TBD XXX	
PSY 110	General Psychology (SB)	3	PSY 100	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Course (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Course (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Natural Science with Lab (SL)	4	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Quantitative Reasoning Course (QR)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Quantitative Reasoning (QR) or Natural Science (NS)	3	TBD XXX	
	<b>Subtotal General Education Core Courses</b>	<b>34</b>		

TBS XXX means to be selected by MCTC student.

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

For Social and Behavioral Sciences courses, two disciplines must be represented and different from those in the Arts and Humanities category.

#### Category 2: MCTC AA Requirements

MCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH) or Social & Behavioral Science (SB) or Foreign Language Course	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH) or Social & Behavioral Science (SB) or Foreign Language Course	3	TBD XXX	
	<b>Subtotal AA Requirement Courses</b>	<b>6</b>		

#### Category 3: MCTC Electives

MCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
	Digital Literacy	0-3		
	First-Year Experience	0-3		
EDP 202	Human Development and Learning	3	EDU 300	
EDP 203	Teaching Exceptional Learners in Regular Classrooms	3	EDS 360	
EDU 201	Introduction to American Education	3	EDU 305	
EDU 204	Technology in the Classroom (online)	3	EDU 313	

MCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
MCTC2NKU	EDU 316 Racism and Sexism in Educational Institutions	3	EDU 316	
MCTC2NKU	Choose two NKU Middle Grades Content Area Courses from the course catalog	6	TBD XXX	
	<b>Subtotal Elective Courses</b>	<b>21</b>		
	<b>Total Associate Degree Hours</b>	<b>61</b>		

Degree Requirement: One courses must be selected from the KCTCS identified Cultural Studies course list in the KCTCS catalog.

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#### Category 4: NKU Major Requirements for Elementary Education

NKU Course	Course	Credits	MCTC Course	Taken at MCTC
EDU 104	Orientation: Education Profession/Program	1		
EDU 300	Human Growth and Development	3	EDP 202	x
EDU 304	Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum: Middle Grades	3		
EDU 305	Introduction to Education	2	EDU 201	x
EDU 309	Admission Field Experience Middle Grades	2		
EDU 313	Instructional Technology	3	EDU 204	X
EDU 316	Education in a Multicultural Society	3	MCTC2NKU	X
EDU 318	Classroom Climate Management: Middle School	2		
EDU 343	Educational Assessment Middle Schools	2		
EDU 344	Fundamentals of Middle Grades Education	2		
EDU 391	Middle Grades Field Experience I	2		
EDU 394	Middle Grades Field Experience II	2		
EDU 495	Clinical Experience Middle Grades	12		
EDS 323	Instructional Planning for Inclusive Middle Level Classrooms	3		
EDS 360	Students with Exceptionalities in Schools	3	EDP 203	x
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 110	x
CMST 101	Public Speaking	3	COM 181	x
ENG 102	Advanced College Writing	3	ENG 102	x
EDU 345 EDU 346 EDU 347 EDU 348	Select two methods courses: Teaching Language Arts in Middle Grades Teaching Science in Middle Grades Teaching Math in Middle Grades Teaching Social Studies in Middle Grades	6		
	<b>Subtotal Core Credit Hours Taken at NKU</b>	<b>37</b>		
	<b>Subtotal Core Credit Hours Taken at MCTC</b>	<b>23</b>		
	<b>Total Track Hours (see below)</b>	<b>Varies</b>		
	<b>Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours</b>	<b>137-160</b>		

EDU 309 is waived if student provides documentation of 50 hours of field experience in an education setting. If EDU 309 is waived, student must complete EDU 334: Portfolio Development (1 credit).

Students select two content area tracks from the following: English/Communication, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, and Special Education (see below). Students choosing special education concurrently complete a second major in special education. Total credits hours depend on the selected content area tracks and the courses within the tracks taken while at MCTC.

#### Category 5: NKU English/Communications Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	MCTC Course	Taken at MCTC
ENG 200	Understanding Literature	3		
ENG 208	Survey of American Literature I	3	ENG 251	
ENG 209	Survey of American Literature II	3	ENG 252	
ENG 102	Advanced College Writing	3	ENG 102	x
ENG 371	Traditional Grammar	3		
ENG 530	Readings in the English Language	3		
CMST 310	Argumentation	3		
ENG 231 or ENG 331	Introduction to Creative Writing or Persuasive Writing	3		
<b>Subtotal Track Credit Hours Taken at NKU</b>		<b>21</b>		

#### Category 6: NKU Social Studies Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	MCTC Course	Taken at MCTC
HIS 102	History of the United States through 1877	3	HIS 108	
HIS 103	History of the United States since 1877	3	HIS 109	
HIS 108	World History to 1500	3	HIS 101	
HIS 109	World History since 1500	3	HIS 102	
GEO 101	World Regional Geography	3	GEO 152	
PSC 102	Comparative Politics	3		
ECO 205	Economics for Teachers	3		
ANT 100 or SOC 100	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology or Introduction to Sociology	3	ANT 101 SOC 101	
<b>Subtotal Track Credit Hours Taken at NKU</b>		<b>24</b>		

#### Category 7: NKU Mathematics Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	MCTC Course	Taken at MCTC
MAT 110	Introduction to Probability	3		
MAT 112	Applied Calculus	3	MAT 170	
MAT 116	Arithmetic Structures for Middle Grades Teachers	3		
MAT 117	Algebra for Middle Grades Teachers	3		
MAT 141	Geometry I for K-8 Teachers	3	MAT 206	
MAT 240	Geometry II for K-8 Teachers	3		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	MCTC Course	Taken at MCTC
STA 204	Statistics for Middle Grades Teachers	3		
Select 1: MAT 114 MAT 119 MAT 128 MAT 129 MAT 185 MAT 227	Select one course from the following: Finite Mathematics Pre-Calculus Mathematics Calculus A Calculus I Introductory Discrete Mathematics Calculus B	3-4	MAT 165 MAT 155 MAT 175	
<b>Subtotal NKU Mathematics Track Credit Hours</b>		<b>24</b>		

#### Category 8: NKU Science Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	MCTC Course	Taken at MCTC
BIO 120/120L	Understanding the Living World	4	BIO 112/113	
CHE 112/112L	Chemistry and Society	4		
PHY 110	Introduction to Physics with Laboratory	4		
AST 110	Solar System Astronomy with Laboratory	4		
GLY 110	The Face of the Earth with Laboratory	4	GLY 101/111	
Select 1: BIO 150/150L BIO 151/151L BIO 208/208L BIO 123 BIO 121/121L SCI 110 PHY 211 PHY 213 GLY 120/120L GLY 115 AST 115	Select one course from the following: Introduction to Biology I Introduction to Biology II Human Anatomy and Physiology I Human Anatomy and Physiology II Human Ecology Diseases and the Systems They Affect Integrative Science General Physics with Laboratory I This Dangerous Earth History of the Earth Stars, Galaxies, and Cosmology with Laboratory	3-5	BIO 114/115 BIO 116/117 BIO 137 BIO 120 BIO 135  PHY 201/202 PHY 203/204	
<b>Subtotal NKU Mathematics Track Credit Hours</b>		<b>24</b>		

#### Category 9: NKU Special Education Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	MCTC Course	Taken at MCTC
EDS 364	Characteristics of Learning Disabilities	3		
EDS 365	Characteristics of Emotional/Behavioral Disorder	3		
EDS 561	Intellectual and Orthopedic Disabilities	3		
EDS 570	Working with Families of Students with Disabilities	3		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	MCTC Course	Taken at MCTC
EDS 572	Secondary Special Education Programs	3		
EDS 362	Applied Behavior Analysis for Students with Disabilities	3		
EDS 464	Assessment Learning and Behavior Disorders	3		
EDS 472	Special Education Methods and Materials	3		
EDS 473	Special Education Field Experience	2		
EDU 493	Clinical Experience Middle Grades with Special Education	12		
MAT 116	Arithmetic Structures for Middle Grades Teachers	3		
MAT 141	Geometry I for K-8 Teachers	3	MAT 206	
	<b>Subtotal NKU Mathematics Track Credit Hours</b>	<b>44</b>		

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