



Two Degrees, One Path

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE

2025-2026

Associate of General Studies To
Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate of General Studies (AGS) degree at Ivy Tech Community College (ITCC) and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Early Childhood Education degree at Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

Applying to the IvyTech2NKU 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 Ivy Tech, enrolled in an associate degree program, plan to transfer to NKU, and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA at Ivy Tech.

Degree Requirements for Ivy Tech

To earn a degree at Ivy Tech a student must successfully complete the required number of credits for the degree, attain a minimum GPA of 2.0 in the required technical and general education courses, and complete at least 15 degree credits in the curriculum as a regular student of Ivy Tech.

Admission Requirements for NKU

Students completing an associate degree with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher will be accepted into NKU. The admission requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education – Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (IECE) Certification Track are below. (Courses in parentheses are Ivy Tech course equivalents)

- A minimum overall GPA of 2.75
- A minimum grade of “B” in CMST 101 (COMM 101) and ENG 102 (ENGL 215)
- A minimum grade of “C” in all other pre-admission courses and required EDU and EDS courses, which include EDU 300 (PSYC 201), EDU 305 (EDU 101), EDU 313 (EDUC 201), EDU 316 (EDUC 255), and EDS 360 (EDUC 230).
- 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 (IECE certification Track).

- 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
- A completed application to Northern Kentucky University

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 Early Childhood Education – Non-Certification Track must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher overall and earn a minimum grade of C in all education courses. Students majoring in Early Childhood Education – IECE Certification Track 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.

Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana

Students must complete the following courses for an Associate of General Studies

Category 1: ITCC Indiana College Core Competencies

ITCC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
ENGL 111	English Composition	3	ENG 101	
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	CMST 101	
MATH 123 or higher	Quantitative Reasoning or Higher	3	MAT 115 or TBD XXX	
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 100	
PSYC 201	Lifespan Development	3	EDU 300	
TBS XXX	Humanistic & Artistic Ways of Knowing	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Scientific Ways of Knowing	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Indiana College Core Elective	3	TBD XXX	
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Subtotal General Education Core		30		

TBS XXX means to be selected by Ivy Tech student

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

Category 2: Degree Requirements for Associate of General Studies

ITCC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
IVYT 111	Student Success in University Transfer	1	UNV 100T	
COMM 102 or PHIL 102 or POLS 101	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication or Introduction to Ethics or Introduction to American Government & Politics	3	CMST 220 PHI 200 PSC 100	
ENGL 215	Rhetoric and Argument	3	ENG 102	
EDUC 101	Introduction to Teaching	3	EDU 305	
EDUC 230	The Exceptional Child	3	EDS 360	
EDUC 255	Multicultural Teaching	3	EDU 316	
ECED 100	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3	ECED 100 + ECED 130 = EDU 500 + EDU 400T	
ECED 103	Curriculum in Early Childhood Classroom	3	ECED 103 + ECED 243 = EDU 551 + EDU 400T	
ECED 120	Child Growth and Development	3	EDU 100T	
ECED 130	Developmentally Appropriate Guidance in a Cultural Context	3	ECED 100 + ECED 130 =	

ITCC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
			EDU 500 + EDU 400T	
ECED 243	Cognitive Curriculum	3	ECED 103 + ECED 243 = EDU 551 + EDU 400T	
GENS 279	General Studies Capstone Course	1	GIS 100G	
	Total Associate Degree Credit Hours	62		

Northern Kentucky University

Students must complete the following courses for a BA in Early Childhood Education.

Category 3: NKU Major Core Requirements for the BA in Early Childhood Education

NKU Course	Course	Credits	ITCC Course	Taken at ITCC
EDU 301	Interpersonal Interaction and Guidance	3		
EDU 316	Education in a Multicultural Society	3	EDUC 255	x
EDU 320	Family Engagement in the Home, School and Community	3	ECED 200 + ECED 204 = EDU 320 + EDU 200T	
EDU 550	Current Trends in Early Childhood Education	3		
EDU 551	Preschool Education and Programming	3	ECED 103 + ECED 243 = EDU 551 + EDU 400T	x
EDU 552	Infant Toddler Education and Programming	3	ECED 213 + ECED 110 or ECED 111 = EDU 552 + EDU 400T	
EDU 554	Language Development and Emergent Literacy	3		
EDU 565	EC Screening & Ongoing Assessment	3		
EDU 568	Administration and Supervision in Early Childhood Education	3	ECED 210 + ECED 218 = EDU 568 + EDU 400T	
EDU 569	Kindergarten Education and Programming	3		
EDS 360	Students with Exceptionalities in School	3	EDUC 230	x
EDS 562	Early Childhood Special Education Programs	3		
	Subtotal Major Core Credit Hours	36		

Students must choose the IECE Certification Track in the Category 4 table or the Non-Certification Track in the Category 5 table.

Category 4: NKU IECE Certification Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	ITCC Course	Taken at ITCC
CMST 101	Public Speaking	3	COMM 101	x
ENG 101	College Writing	3	ENGL 111	x
ENG 102	Advanced College Writing	3	ENGL 215	x
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSYC 101	x
EDU 104	Orientation: Education Profession/Program	1		
EDU 300	Human Growth and Development	3	PSYC 201	x
EDU 302	Teaching of Reading	3		
EDU 303	Admission Field Experience IECE	2		
EDU 305	Introduction to Education	2	EDUC 101	x
EDU 313	Instructional Technology	3		
EDU 395	IECE Field Experience I	3		
EDU 397	IECE Field Experience II	3		
EDU 491	Clinical Experience in IECE	12		
EDU 517	Teaching of Phonics in Elementary/Middle	3		
EDS 322	Instructional Planning for Inclusive Elementary Classrooms	3		
EDS 365	Characteristics of Emotional/Behavioral Disorder	3		
EDS 551	Assistive Technology in the Classroom	3		
EDS 562	Early Childhood Special Education Programs	3		
EDS 570	Working with Families of Students with Disabilities	3		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours Taken at NKU	72		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours Taken at ITCC	26		
	Total Credit Hours Required for the Major	98		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	134		

EDU 303 is waived if student provides documentation of 50 hours of field experience in an education setting. If EDU 303 is waived, student must complete EDU 334: Portfolio Development (1 credit).

Category 5: NKU Non-Certification Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	ITCC Course	Taken at ITCC
EDU 490	Non-certification Final Field Experience	6		
TBS XXX	Electives (32 credits)	32	At least 12 credits from ITCC will count as electives	
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours Taken at NKU	53		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours Taken at ITCC	21		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	ITCC Course	Taken at ITCC
	Total Credit Hours Required for the Major	74		
	Elective Credit Hours	5		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	120		

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