



Two Degrees, One Path

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE

2025-2026

Associate of Science in Early Childhood Education (TSAP) To
Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate of Science (AS) in Early Childhood Education (TSAP) 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 AS in Early Childhood Education (TSAP).

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 MATH 136	Quantitative Reasoning or College Algebra	3	MAT 115 (MAT 102 or MAT 103) + MAT 100T	
BIOL 101	Introductory Biology	3	BIO 120/120L	
SCIN 100 or SCIN 111	Earth Science or Physical Science	3-4	GNS/L 100G SCI 110	
PSYC 101 or SOCI 111	Introduction to Psychology (preferred) or Introduction to Sociology	3	PSY 100 SOC 100	
HIST 101 or HIST 102	Survey of American History I or Survey of American History II	3	HIS 102 HIS 103	
ARTH 110	Art Appreciation	3	ART 100	
ENGL 202	Creative Writing	3	ENG 231	
ENGL 220 or ENGL 221	World Literature I or World Literature II	3	ENG 206 ENG 207	
Subtotal General Education Core		30-31		

Grade of A or B in MATH 136 equates to MAT 103 + MAT 100T. Grade of C or D in MATH 136 equates to MAT 102 + MAT 100T.

Category 2: ITCC Degree Requirements for AS in Early Childhood Education

ITCC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
IVYT 111	Student Success in University Transfer	1	UNV 100T	
ECED 100	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3	ECED 100 + ECED 103 = EDU 500 + EDU 400T	
ECED 103	Curriculum in Early Childhood Classroom	3	ECED 100 + ECED 103 = EDU 500 + EDU 400T	
ECED 120	Child Growth and Development	3	EDU 100T	
ECED 130	Developmentally Appropriate Guidance in a Cultural Context	3	EDU 100T	
ECED 204	Families in Transition	3	EDU 200T	
ECED 230	The Exceptional Child	3	EDS 360	
ECED 234	Literacy in the Early Childhood Classroom	3		
ECED 243	Cognitive Curriculum	3	EDU 200T	

ITCC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
Select 1: ECED 225 ECED 235 ECED 245 ECED 255	Select one course from the following: Infant and Toddler Practicum Preschool Practicum School Age Practicum Generalist Practicum	3	EDU 200T EDU 200T EDU 200T EDU 200T	
ECED 260	Early Childhood Professional	3	ECED 210 + ECED 260 = EDU 568 + EDU 400T	
	Total Associate Degree Credit Hours	60-61		

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	
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		
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	ECED 234	x
EDU 565	EC Screening & Ongoing Assessment	3		
EDU 568	Administration and Supervision in Early Childhood Education	3	ECED 210 + ECED 260 = EDU 568 + EDU 400T	x
EDU 569	Kindergarten Education and Programming	3		
EDS 360	Students with Exceptionalities in School	3	ECED 230	x
EDS 562	Early Childhood Special Education Programs	3		
	Subtotal Core Credit Hours Taken at NKU	27		
	Subtotal Core Credit Hours Taken at ITCC	9		
	Subtotal Major Core Credit Hours	36		

Students must choose the IECE Certification Track in Category 4 table or the Non-Certification Track in 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	
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSYC 101	x
EDU 104	Orientation: Education Profession/Program	1	Waived	
EDU 300	Human Growth and Development	3	PSYC 201	
EDU 302	Teaching of Reading	3		
EDU 303	Admission Field Experience IECE	2		
EDU 305	Introduction to Education	2	EDUC 101	
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 362	Applied Behavior Analysis for Students with Disabilities	3		
EDS 365	Characteristics of Emotional/Behavioral Disorder	3		
EDS 551	Assistive Technology in the Classroom	3		
EDS 570	Working with Families of Students with Disabilities	3		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours Taken at NKU	79		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours Taken at ITCC	19		
	Total Credit Hours Required for the Major	98		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	139-140		

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	Education Electives (32 credits)	32	18 credits from ITCC will count as electives	
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours Taken at NKU	51		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours Taken at ITCC	27		
	Total Credit Hours Required for the Major	78		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	ITCC Course	Taken at ITCC
	Elective Credit Hours	2-3		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	120		

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