



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate of General Studies To
Bachelor of Arts in Middle Grades 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 Middle Grades 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.

In addition, students must meet the following requirements for admission into Education.

(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
 - 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 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.

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: ITCC Degree Requirements for AGS

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 121	Child and Adolescent Development	3	EDU 300T	
EDUC 230	The Exceptional Child	3	EDS 360	
EDUC 255	Multicultural Teaching	3	EDU 316	
TBS XXX	Statewide or Transfer Cluster Electives Select electives from the Category 4 tables below that will transfer into the content tracks of interest.	10	TBD XXX	
GENS 279	General Studies Capstone Course	1	GIS 100G	
	Total Associate Degree Credit Hours	60		

Northern Kentucky University

Students must complete the following courses for a BA in Middle Grades Education. In addition, students must complete the content courses and the methods courses in at least two of the following teaching fields: English and Communication, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, or Special Education. Special Education must be completed as a second major.

Category 3: NKU Major Requirements for the BA in Middle Grades Education

NKU Course	Course	Credits	ITCC Course	Taken at ITCC
EDU 104	Orientation: Education Profession/Program	1		
EDU 300	Human Growth and Development	3	PSYC 201	x
EDU 304	Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum: Middle Grades	3		
EDU 305	Introduction to Education	2	EDUC 101	x
EDU 309	Admission Field Experience Middle Grades	2		
EDU 313	Instructional Technology	3		
EDU 316	Education in a Multicultural Society	3	EDUC 255	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	EDUC 230	x
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSYC 101	x
CMST 101	Public Speaking	3	COMM 101	x
ENG 102	Advanced College Writing	3	ENGL 215	x
EDU 345 EDU 346 EDU 347 EDU 348	Select two courses: Teaching Language Arts in Middle Grades Teaching Science in Middle Grades Teaching Math in Middle Grades Teaching Social Studies in Middle Grades	6		
	Subtotal Education Courses Credit Hours at NKU	40		
	Subtotal Education Courses Credit Hours at ITCC	20		
	Subtotal Track Courses Credit Hours at NKU	Varies		
	Subtotal Track Courses Credit Hours at ITCC	Varies		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	120-130		

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). Total credit hours depends on the selected content area tracks and the courses within the tracks taken while at Ivy Tech.

Content Area Tracks

Students select two content area tracks from the following: English/Communication, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, and Special Education.

Category 4: NKU English/Communications Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	ITCC Course	Taken at ITCC
ENG 102	Advanced College Writing	3	ENGL 215	x
ENG 200	Understanding Literature	3	ENGL 206	
ENG 208	Survey of American Literature I	3	ENGL 222	
ENG 209	Survey of American Literature II	3	ENGL 223	
ENG 371	Traditional Grammar	3	ENGL 250	
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	ENGL 202	
	Subtotal NKU English/Communications Track Credit Hours	21		

Category 5: NKU Social Studies Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	ITCC Course	Taken at ITCC
HIS 102	History of the United States through 1877	3	HIST 101	
HIS 103	History of the United States since 1877	3	HIST 102	
HIS 108	World History to 1500	3	HIST 111	
HIS 109	World History since 1500	3	HIST 112	
GEO 101	World Regional Geography	3	GEOG 207	
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	ANTH 154 SOCI 111	
	Subtotal NKU Social Studies Track Credit Hours	24		

Category 6: NKU Mathematics Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	ITCC Course	Taken at ITCC
MAT 110	Introduction to Probability	3		
MAT 112	Applied Calculus	3	MATH 201	
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	MATH 128 and MATH 129	
MAT 240	Geometry II for K-8 Teachers	3		
STA 204	Statistics for Middle Grades Teachers	3		
Select 1: MAT 114 or MAT 119 or MAT 128 or MAT 129 or MAT 185 or MAT 227	Select one of the following: Finite Mathematics Pre-Calculus Mathematics Calculus A Calculus I Introductory Discrete Mathematics Calculus B	3-4	MATH 135 MATH 137 MATH 211 MATH 212	
Subtotal NKU Mathematics Track Credit Hours		24		

Category 7: NKU Science Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	ITCC Course	Taken at ITCC
BIO 120/120L	Understanding the Living World with Lab	4	BIOL 101	
CHE 112/112L	Chemistry and Society with lab	3		
PHY 110	Introduction to Physics with Laboratory	4	PHYS 101	
AST 110	Solar System Astronomy with Laboratory	4	ASTR 101	
GLY 110	The Face of the Earth with Laboratory	4		
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 with lab Introduction to Biology II with lab Human Anatomy and Physiology I with lab Human Ecology Diseases and the Systems They Affect with lab Integrative Science General Physics I with lab General Physics II with lab This Dangerous Earth with lab History of the Earth Stars, Galaxies, and Cosmology with Laboratory	3-5	BIOL 105 BIOL 107 SCIN 111	
Subtotal NKU Science Track Credit Hours		24		

Category 8: NKU Special Education Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	ITCC Course	Taken at ITCC
EDS 364	Characteristics of Learning Disabilities	3		
EDS 365	Characteristics of Emotion/Behavioral Disorder	3		
EDS 561	Intellectual and Orthopedic Disabilities	3		
EDS 570	Working with Families of Students with Disabilities	3		
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	MATH 128 and MATH 129	
	Subtotal NKU Special Education Track Credit Hours	44		

Students who choose special education as one of their content tracks at NKU are not required to take *EDS 360 Students with Exceptionalities in Schools* and can replace EDUC 230 with an elective course at Ivy Tech.

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