



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate in Arts to Bachelor of Arts in Art & Design (Pre-Art Therapy, and Studio Arts Tracks)

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate in Arts (AA) degree at Gateway Community and Technical College (GCTC) and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Art & Design (Pre-Art Therapy, and Studio Arts Tracks) degree at Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

Applying to the Gateway2NKU 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 Gateway CTC, enrolled in an associate degree program, plan to transfer to NKU, and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA at Gateway CTC.

Degree Requirements for GCTC

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. Demonstration of digital literacy
5. 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.

Degree Requirements for NKU

To earn a bachelor's degree at NKU, students must:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours
2. Complete at least 25% of the credit hours required at NKU
3. Complete the last 30 credit hours at NKU
4. Complete at least 45 credit hours numbered 300 and above
5. Minimum of 2.0 cumulative GPA across all major coursework
6. Meet all requirements for the major
7. Completion of minor, focus, or second major (If required by the major)

General Transfer Information

Students must complete the online application to NKU. There is no application fee for students who are transferring from GCTC.

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 annual scholarships (fall and spring only). 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.

Tuition and scholarship information specific to transfer students can be viewed on the Adult & Transfer Center website.

GCTC AA TO NKU BA IN ART & DESIGN CHECKLIST

Gateway Community and Technical College

Category 1: GCTC General Education Core Requirements

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
ENG 101	Writing I (WC)	3	ENG 101	
Taken at NKU	Advanced Writing – Writing/Artists (WC)	3	ART 291W	
TBS XXX	Oral Communication (OC)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Arts and Humanities (AH) Heritage	3	TBD XXX	
ART 105	Ancient Through Medieval Art History	3	ARTH 101	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Course (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
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TBS XXX	Quantitative Reasoning (QR)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Quantitative Reasoning or Natural Science (QR/NS)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Natural Science Course (SL)	4	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal General Education Core Courses	34		

TBS XXX means to be selected by GCTC student.

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

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

Category 2: GCTC AA Requirements

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
ART 106	Renaissance Through Modern Art History	3	ARTH 100	
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH), Social & Behavioral Sciences (SB) or Oral Communication (OC) or Foreign Language	3	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal AS Requirement Courses	6		

Category 3: GCTC Electives

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
FYE 105 or FYE 110	Achieving Academic Success First Year Experience and Applications	3	UNV 100T	
CIT 105 or OST 105*	Introduction to Computers or Introduction to Information Systems	3	INF 101	
ART 110	Drawing I	3	ARTD 210	
Taken at NKU	Creating Visual Form	3	ART 130	
Taken at NKU	Creating Visual Order	3	ART 135	
Taken at NKU	Building Meaning in Visual Art	3	ART 140	

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
TBS XXX	Elective	3	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal Elective Courses	21		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	61		

*If completing digital literacy using other means (like FYE 110), additional credit hours will be required to fulfill elective requirements.

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Category 4: NKU Major Requirements for Core Courses in Visual Art

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
ART 130	Creating Visual Form	3	Taken at NKU	x
ART 135	Creating Visual Order	3	Taken at NKU	x
ART 140	Building Meaning in Visual Arts	3	Taken at NKU	x
ART 291W	Advanced Writing-Writing Artists	3	Taken at NKU	x
	Subtotal in Core Courses	12		

Category 5: NKU Major Requirements for the Pre-Art Therapy Track and Studio Arts Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
ARTH 100	History of Art: Renaissance Modernism	3	ART 106	x
ARTH 101	History of Art: Prehistoric Through Goth	3	ART 105	x
ARTH 454	Art Now	3		
ARTH XXX	Select one 300/400-level ARTH course	3		
ARTD 210	Drawing I	3	ART 110	x
ARTP 230	Painting I	3		
ARTO 210	Photography I	3		
ARTC 240	Ceramics I	3		
ARTS 262	Sculpture I	3		
ARTR 272	Printmaking I	3		
ARTM 350	Video, Installation & Sound I	3		
TBS XXX	Studio Electives Select four 300/400-level courses in ART, ARTA, ARTC, ARTD, ARTM, ARTO, ARTP, ARTR, or ARTS	12		
	Additional Credit Hours for Track	45		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	36		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at GCTC	18		
	Total Major Credit Hours	54		
	Subtotal of Additional Credit Hours Completed at GCTC	43		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
	Subtotal Minor or Elective Credit Hours Taken at NKU *24 needed at 300-level or higher	24		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	121		

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