Northern Kentucky University Accelerated Online Program: Helpful Hints for NKU Advisors

Role of Advisor:

The role of the NKU advisor is unchanged. However, the process relating to admissions and student success has changed.

The main campus Offices of Admissions/Transfer Services/Graduate Education will continue to process all applications and documents as well as communicate admission decisions. The enrollment specialists from Academic Partnerships will reach out to all inquiries through the enrollment stage to encourage completion of application, submission of documents, initial registration and payment due dates.

Advising will continue to take place after the point of admission per current college/department practices. However, students who participate in an accelerated online program will NOT have an advising hold. Advisors can identify accelerated online students through running the admission/enrollment by specialization reports (see below). Advisors are responsible for contacting admitted students for initial registration. Advisor subsequent registration communication is dependent upon department/college procedures. AP Retention specialists will contact the students they see who are not active in Canvas or not registered for courses. They will also perform periodic check-ins on how courses are going, to ensure the students are adjusting to the format.

Website: onlinedegrees.nku.edu

Contact Information: Enrollment & Retention Specialists

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Advisor MyNKU for OnlineA Students: The following is the link to the Online Accelerated Guidance webpage, which should require a login of your NKU credentials: [https://inside.nku.edu/registrar/secure/online-accelerated.html](https://inside.nku.edu/registrar/secure/online-accelerated.html)

- Admission by Specialization Report Name: **ZCM_ZHE_IS31_Q0001** – presentation will walk you through how to run
- Enrollment by Specialization Report Name: **ZCM_E_ZHE_IS54_Q001** - presentation will walk you through how to run
- Accelerated Registration Guide & Standard Class Time Guide
- Accessing Currently Modeled Carousels: Ideal Offering of Courses
- Curricular/Admissions Changes
- Online Accelerated Sections for Spring 2018

**AP Retention Specialist Feedback:**

Currently, we are exploring with the SSC Tech Team the possibility of providing access to the Enrollment/Retention Specialists. Our goal is to utilize the “note” functionality for feedback navigation.

In the meantime, contact information has been provided in the earlier section, “Contact Information: Enrollment & Retention Specialists.”

**Accelerated Online Program Calendar:**

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**Note:** Students who are dropped for non-payment and re-register for a subsequent sub-session within the same semester will NOT be assessed monthly Act Maint Fees.

**Scholarships/Employee Waivers:**

Accelerated online students are only eligible for the Accelerated program “promotional” scholarship (see Accelerated Tuition). Accelerated online students are NOT eligible for institutional scholarships/aid. However, accelerated students remain eligible for federal and state aid, dependent upon regulations.
All mandated tuition waivers are processed as with current process. These students are excluded from the revenue share and are reconciled as part of the AP census file.

**Orientation:**

The following platforms will be utilized for student orientation for online students and non-first-time, full-time students who participate in New Student Registration and Orientation.

1) NEW NKU online orientation platform in Canvas. All online students, including accelerated online students, will utilize this platform to support their online learning.
   a. A CHP-specific module has been created within the NKU online orientation component to address HIPAA and will be required for CHP students.
   b. A graduate student module has also been created within the platform to house graduate student-specific policies and resources for online learners.

2) The SCOOP platform will be used for first-time, on-campus undergraduate students, including transfer students. This platform is specifically geared to residential and commuter students (new and transfer) who did not attend the three-day orientation.

New undergraduate and transfer students (online and accelerated online) who do not complete the NKU online orientation or SCOOP orientation will be assigned an orientation hold after the NKU census date for each semester. Completion of the 2 orientation platforms and assigning of holds will be monitored and executed by the Office of New Student Orientation & Parent Programs.

IT has created a feed to auto-populate all newly enrolled online students into the NKU online orientation Canvas module.

If you have any questions, contact Britta Gibson at gibsonb9@nku.edu or via phone at extension 7625.

SOLO (The College of Health Professions’ online learning resources and HIPPA-related modules) and the Online and Adult Learner online orientation through ALPS have been discontinued.

*Note: Accelerated students do not pay the orientation fee.*

Any faculty or staff that wishes to see what the Online Orientation is like for our accelerated students can do so by auto-enrolling here: [https://nku.instructure.com/enroll/PHGJTJ](https://nku.instructure.com/enroll/PHGJTJ)

**Placement Testing/Developmental Course(s):**

**Placement Testing for Accelerated Online Students**

Placement testing for accelerated online students will be conducted exactly as it is for traditional students. Testing Services runs a BW report listing all admitted students with active CPE deficiencies. They send an email every two weeks and a post card about once per month to all students who needing placement testing. This includes students enrolled in online majors. If students live within an hour drive of campus, they are encouraged to come to NKU
to take the placement test. If a student lives more than an hour away, Testing Services works with the student to find an alternative testing site. On the placement testing page of the Testing website, https://inside.nku.edu/testing/placement.html, there is a link called “Find an off-site testing location” with a link to the National College Testing Association website. Students can locate NCTA certified testing centers for any state in the U.S. If none of those sites work for the student, Testing Services helps the student find a testing location. In most cases, there will be a fee for proctoring the test at an off-campus site. Once a location is determined, the Testing Center sends the necessary information to the testing site and test results are automatically loaded into NKU’s account and then into SAP.

According to the NKU catalog, placement tests must be taken prior to orientation and registration in any course at NKU. There are currently no holds that prevent students or advisors from registering students who have not completed their placement test(s) before their initial enrollment.

Developmental Courses for Accelerated Online Students

MAHD 095 will be offered in the first seven-week session and MAHD 099 will be offered in the second seven-week session beginning in March 2018. Enrollment in these courses will be limited to accelerated online students, NKU online major students, PACE students, and students given permission to enroll in the seven-week online course.

Due to the small number of current PACE and online students who need a developmental literacy course, developmental reading classes will not be offered in the accelerated online format during the first semester while the demand for the courses is being monitored. Students who need a developmental literacy course should be directed to an online course at another institution. When NKU receives transcripts for the completed course(s), students will be permitted into ENG 101.

Some online options for developmental literacy courses include:

- EKU (telepresence- Summer 16 weeks)
  Course: ENG 095R Developmental Reading and Writing II

- Sinclair Community College in Ohio (Online)
  Course: DEV 0035 Integrated Developmental Reading & Writing II
  http://www.sinclair.edu/academics/online/courses/

- Dallas Community College (Accelerated online)
  Course: DORW-0305 Integrated Reading and Writing
  https://www.dcccd.edu/sch/credit/pages/distlearn.aspx

- Midland Community College (Online)
  Course: IRWD 0381 Integrated Reading and Writing II and IRWD 0181 Lab
  https://www.midland.edu/academics/distance-learning/dl-general.php
Non-Attendance:

No change is needed in policy, but the Registrar’s Office will be adding some added guidance for the accelerated online classes, including emphasis on deadlines. The seven-week sub sessions will follow the same “first 4 days” that the eight-week sub session uses; five-week sub sessions will be using the “first 3 days.”

Current practice/process is:

a. Class instructors submit a student as non-attendance, per their application of the non-attendance policy (see attached).

b. This action is taken during the first 4 days of a semester or sub-session.

c. The Registrar’s Office assists as needed, but the reporting is in the hands of the instructor.

Drop for Non-payment:

Yes, we will be dropping any registered accelerated online student who has not paid in full by the first day of class. In addition to the published drop of accelerated online students, SAS will create and run a report to identify any new registrants who may get registered in the window between AP’s registration deadline dates and NKU’s registration deadline date then provide Kim Scranage with the SAS report so she can work with the Retention Specialist(s) to change start to next sub-session. (This process is necessary due to the system functionality, which cannot prohibit students from re-registering for the same session and the accelerated online programs freeze date/reconciliation for billing.)

Since payment is due upon registration, NKU will also review this listing for potential drop for non-payment as well and share with the Enrollment & Retention Specialists to close the communication loop. Neither NKU nor AP should be registering accelerated courses for accelerated majors after the course start dates.

Example: Spring Semester

All NKU students receive their bills January 1st and they are due January 12th. All students who have not paid in full by January 12th will be dropped for non-payment the morning of January 13th from courses in all Spring 2018 sub-sessions. Therefore if a student was registered for courses in both the first and second sub-sessions, all courses will be dropped for both the first and second sub-sessions.

For students who register for future Spring 2018 sub-sessions after January 13th, tuition is due upon registration. Students will be dropped for non-payment each subsequent sub-session within the semester on the morning after the course start date.

Student Account Services FAQ for Accelerated Online majors only: [http://studentaccounts services.nku.edu/AP.html](http://studentaccounts services.nku.edu/AP.html)
Change of Major:

*Institutional Policy* states that a student is charged for their primary program that is on record at the end of add/drop for any semester and that the rate only changes at the beginning of the next semester if there is a change of major. Therefore, a change of major request by any student moving in or out of the accelerated online program will not be processed until after the add/drop of the last sub-session of the current semester for the following semester, using validity dates. The Registrar’s Office will designate one or two staff members to run a daily report to find any changes that may have occurred and immediately update the validity dates to ensure the changes take effect for the next semester, and work closely with advisors, etc., regarding this process. We will be looking at the potential to automate this process after the spring 2018 semester.

**Rules** configured for students who move to OnlineA: Students enrolled prior to the semester in which the accelerated online program goes live will remain in their existing online or PACE online program and are not revenue shared with Academic Partnerships. Students are not allowed to change to an accelerated online major if they are already in the same online or PACE online major.

For example:

- A current or previous RN-BSN online student *is not* allowed to change his or her major to RN-BSN accelerated online.
- A current or previous RN-BSN online student *is* allowed to change his or her major to Psychology accelerated online since it is a different major.
- A current or previous Integrative Studies BA PACE student *is not* allowed to change their major to Integrative Studies BA accelerated online.
- A current or previous Integrative Studies BA PACE student *is* allowed to change their major to Psychology accelerated online since it is a different major.

Financial Implications of Changes:

Students DO NOT need to change to an accelerated online program to take courses in the seven-week accelerated format. The emphasis should be on the program of study.

The SAP system has been developed and configured to adjust to all student scenarios, which feeds student accounts and ultimately the reconciliation with Academic Partnerships. Below is a high-level visual of that process.

### Academic Partnership Revenue Share Grid

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**Note:** If you are advising a student who was part of an accelerated online undergraduate program and decides they would be better served by a face-to-face, PACE, or other NKU online option, know that their tuition will be adjusted at the beginning of the following semester (see change of major). For example, if this student was from Hamilton County, OH, the student would then be charged the out-of-state rate and would NOT be eligible for TIP since they are a returning student but could apply for foundation scholarships.

**Reminder:** Accelerated online students are only eligible for the AP program “promotional” scholarship. Accelerated online students are NOT eligible for institutional scholarships/aid.

*It is important that advisors think through the change of major and the impact it will have on student success and financial aid.*

**Midterm Grades:**

Midterm grades are for undergrads.

Midterm grades will be requested/collected for Full Semester (in Fall and Spring) and for the eight- and seven-week sub-sessions. This includes any offered online undergrad classes.

**Minors Offered in the Accelerated Online Format:**

- Business (28 credits)
- Criminal Justice (21 credits)
- Heath Science (18 credits)
- History (21 credits)
- Library Informatics (21 credits)
- Management (21 credits)
- Marketing (18 credits)
- Organizational Leadership (18 credits)
- Psychological Sciences (24 credits)
- Sociology (18 credits)
- Women and Gender Studies (18 credits)
Areas of **Focus** (12 credit hours [usually four courses] in the same discipline) are available in the online, seven-week format in the following areas:

- Criminal Justice
- English
- Health Science
- History
- Library Informatics
- Management
- Marketing
- Organizational Leadership
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Women and Gender Studies

**Graduate Full-time and Part-time Hours Changed:**

For definition of course load: *Effective spring 2018, a graduate student who is enrolled for six (6) credit hours in any semester is considered as full-time status in that specific semester.*

For Financial Aid purposes: *Effective spring 2018, a graduate student must be enrolled during any semester for at least three (3) graduate-level credit hours to receive a student loan and six (6) semester credit hours to be considered a full-time student.*

**Accelerated Tuition Rates:**

**Business Programs**

**Master of Business Administration Online**

**Complete Coursework:** As few as 12 months

**Credit Hours:** 33

**Tuition:** $16,995

**Bachelor of Science in Business Administration – General Business Online**

**Complete Coursework:** Varies

**Credit Hours:** 120

**Tuition:** $441 per credit hour
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration – Global Supply Chain Management Online
Complete Coursework: Varies
Credit Hours: 120
Tuition: $441 per credit hour

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration – Management Online
Complete Coursework: Varies
Credit Hours: 120
Tuition: $441 per credit hour

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration – Marketing Online
Complete Coursework: Varies
Credit Hours: 120
Tuition: $441 per credit hour

Master of Science in Health Informatics Online
Complete Coursework: as few as 24 months
Credit Hours: 33
Tuition: $21,120

Health Care Programs

Master of Science in Health Informatics Online
Complete Coursework: As few as 24 months
Credit Hours: 33
Tuition: $21,120

Master of Science in Health Science Online
Complete Coursework: as few as 24 months
Credit Hours: 35
Tuition: $22,400

Bachelor of Science in Health Science Online
Complete Coursework: Varies
Credit Hours: 33
Tuition: $14,553
Nursing Programs

Post-Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice Online
Complete Coursework: As few as 20 months
Credit Hours: 35
Tuition: $23,240

Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Online
Complete Coursework: Varies
Credit Hours: 30
Tuition: $10,380

Undergraduate Programs (excluding business, health care and nursing)

Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice Online
Complete Coursework: Varies
Credit Hours: 120
Tuition: $441 per credit hour

Bachelor of Arts in Integrative Studies Online
Complete Coursework: Varies
Credit Hours: 120
Tuition: $441 per credit hour

Bachelor of Arts in Psychological Science Online
Complete Coursework: Varies
Credit Hours: 120
Tuition: $441 per credit hour

Bachelor of Science in Library Informatics Online
Complete Coursework: Varies
Credit Hours: 120
Tuition: $441 per credit hour

Bachelor of Science in Sociology Online
Complete Coursework: Varies
Credit Hours: 120
Tuition: $441 per credit hour
Promotional Scholarships Grid

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Three Options for AP Scholarships

Option 1 *(Beginning Spring 2018)*

- For the Health Programs (DNP - $3440K; MS Health Science - $6.5K; MS Health Informatics - $3K, RN to BSN - $1.5K; BSHS - $2K)
  - Awards will be applied equally over the lifetime of the programs (per credit hour)

Option 2 *(Beginning after Spring 2018)*

- MBA Programs - $1K
  - Awards will be used on an opportunistic basis to encourage enrollment – awarded equally over the lifetime of the program or first time incentive (off the first course)

Option 3 *(Beginning after Spring 2018)*

- Undergraduate Programs - $4K
  - Scholarship completion program – upon the completion of 90 credit hours, scholarship will be used for the last 30 credit hours equally applied over the lifetime of the program

Curricular Changes:

Curricular changes will follow the normal UCC process. If a program is moving to on-line, or adding an on-line version they need to complete the Program Change – Moving Programs to Online Programs form found at [https://nku.curriculog.com/proposal:1657/form](https://nku.curriculog.com/proposal:1657/form)

Once changes have been fully approved, the Registrar’s Office will update the catalog and notify the Vice President of Enrollment & Degree Management for systems and service changes. The changes will also be communicated to NKU’s Academic Partnerships liaison.
Holds:
There will be no advising holds placed on students in accelerated programs, however all other holds remain the same. In other words, there may be holds due to performance (suspension, probation) that would not allow student to register without meeting requirements to have the hold removed.

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