

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE

2025-2026

Associate of Arts at Sinclair College to a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education (Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education Certification Track) at Northern Kentucky University

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate of Arts (AA) degree at Sinclair College and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Early Childhood Education with Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (IECE) Certification degree at Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

Degree Requirements for Sinclair College

To earn a degree at Sinclair College, a student must complete a minimum of 60 credit hours, attain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0, and earn a minimum of 20 credit hours at Sinclair College.

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 – IECE Certification Track are below. (Courses in parentheses are Sinclair College course equivalents)

- A minimum overall GPA of 2.75
- A minimum grade of “B” in CMST 101 (COM 2211) and ENG 102 (ENG 1201)
- A minimum grade of “C” in all other pre-admission courses and required EDU and EDS courses, which include EDU 300 (PSY 2242), EDU 305, EDU 313 (EDU 1103), EDU 316, and EDS 360 (EDU 1105).
- 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

Tuition and Scholarships

For information on tuition and scholarships, please visit <https://nku.edu/admissions/adult/online.html>

NKU Contact

Students can also contact Kim McCoy, Assistant Director of Transfer Services, at mccoyk8@nku.edu.

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 – 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.

**SINCLAIR COLLEGE AA TO
NKU BA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (IECE CERTIFICATION TRACK) CHECKLIST**

Sinclair College

Category 1: Sinclair Requirements for the AA

Sinclair Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
COM 2211	Effective Public Speaking	3	CMST 101	
ECE 1200	Observation & Assessment	4	EDU 566	
ECE 2200	Families, Communities & Schools	3	EDU 320	
ECE 2201	Guidance of Young Children	3	EDU 301	
ECE 2302	Infant & Toddler Curriculum	3	EDU 552	
EDU 1103	Educational Technology	3	EDU 313	
EDU 1105	Individuals with Exceptionalities	3	EDS 360	
ENG 1101	English Composition I	3	ENG 101	
ENG 1201	English Composition II	3	ENG 102	
PSY 1100	General Psychology	3	PSY 100	
PSY 2242	Educational Psychology	3	EDU 300	
SCC 1101	First Year Experience	1	UNV 101	
TBS XXX	Ohio Transfer 36: Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective (not PSY course)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Ohio Transfer 36: Natural & Physical Sciences Elective	6	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Ohio Transfer 36: Mathematics	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Ohio Transfer 36: Arts & Humanities Elective	9	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Multicultural Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Any Course in Catalog Elective	1	TBD XXX	
	Total Associate Degree Hours	60		

TBS XXX means to be selected by Sinclair College student.

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

Northern Kentucky University

Category 2: NKU Major Core Requirements for the BA in Early Childhood Education (IECE Certification Track)

NKU Course	Course	Credits	Sinclair Course	Taken at Sinclair
EDU 301	Interpersonal Interaction and Guidance	3	ECE 2201	x
EDU 316	Education in a Multicultural Society	3		
EDU 320	Family Engagement in the Home, School and Community	3	ECE 2200	x
EDU 550	Current Trends in Early Childhood Education	3		
EDU 551	Preschool Education and Programming	3		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	Sinclair Course	Taken at Sinclair
EDU 552	Infant Toddler Education and Programming	3	ECE 2302	x
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		
EDU 569	Kindergarten Education and Programming	3		
EDS 360	Students with Exceptionalities in School	3	EDU 1105	x
EDS 562	Early Childhood Special Education Programs	3		
	Total NKU Major Core Credit Hours	36		
	Less Major Core Credit Hours from Sinclair	12		
	Subtotal Major Core Credit Hours at NKU	24		

Category 3: NKU IECE Certification Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	Sinclair Course	Taken at Sinclair
CMST 101	Public Speaking	3	COM 2211	x
ENG 101	College Writing	3	ENG 1101	x
ENG 102	Advanced College Writing	3	ENG 1201	x
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 1100	x
EDU 104	Orientation: Education Profession/Program	1	Waived	x
EDU 300	Human Growth and Development	3	PSY 2242	x
EDU 302	Teaching of Reading	3		
EDU 303	Admission Field Experience IECE	2		
EDU 305	Introduction to Education	2		
EDU 313	Instructional Technology	3	EDU 1103	x
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		
	Total NKU Major Credit Hours	62		
	Less Major Credit Hours from Sinclair	19		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	43		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	127		

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).

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