



INSTITUTIONAL ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
AND
KENTUCKY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

Purpose

Northern Kentucky University (NKU) and Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) recognize the need to facilitate the transfer of students from a KCTCS Institution to Northern Kentucky University to pursue and achieve their educational goals. The purpose of this articulation is establishing a partnership between NKU and KCTCS for the purpose of providing students with well-defined and fully integrated pathways from an associate degree at KCTCS to a baccalaureate degree from NKU.

Parties

Northern Kentucky University (Highland Heights, KY) serves the people of Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, the nation, and the world. NKU is a public university dedicated to undergraduate, graduate, and professional education, experience-based learning, and undergraduate research opportunities. The University is committed to excellence and diversity in our students, faculty, staff, and all of our activities. Through scholarship, service, partnerships, and leadership, Northern Kentucky University creates opportunity, develops educated and engaged citizens, enhances the economy and enriches our university, city, state and global community.

Kentucky Community and Technical College System was created in 1997 to help improve access to higher education for all Kentuckians. There are 16 colleges with more than 70 campuses strategically located across the Commonwealth. Students can earn three types of credentials – certificates, diplomas and associate degrees including:

associate in arts, associate in science, associate in applied science and associate in fine arts. The KCTCS mission is to improve the quality of life and employability of the citizens of the Commonwealth by serving as the primary provider of: College and Workforce Readiness; Transfer Education; and Workforce Education and Training.

Northern Kentucky University is accredited to award associate, baccalaureate, master, and doctoral degrees by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Each KCTCS college is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Northern Kentucky University agrees to accept certain course work from a KCTCS college to be applied toward an award from Northern Kentucky University; however, that course work may not be accepted by other colleges or universities in transfer, even if it appears on a transcript from Northern Kentucky University. The decision to accept course work in transfer from any institution is made by the institution considering the acceptance of credits or course work.

Any record kept by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System or Northern Kentucky University that is deemed a public record is subject to release if a proper request is made. Both institutions are committed to, and will adhere to, applicable laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines effective after the date of this agreement.

Provisions

1. In support of this institutional agreement, NKU and KCTCS will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit. Degree program-to-degree program agreements referred to as “Pathways” will outline selective admission requirements, course equivalencies, and other information affecting students who will enroll in a particular academic program. Pathways must be consistent with the doctrines of this overarching institutional agreement. Acceptance and application of transfer credit will be determined in accordance with the relevant pathway pursuant to this agreement. Students transferring credit outside of a pathway will have the application of transfer credit done on a course-by-course basis by NKU.
2. NKU and KCTCS will work to increase the persistence of our students toward completion of associate and baccalaureate degrees by providing KCTCS students interested in matriculating to NKU with resources described below while they are completing an associate degree at a KCTCS institution.
 - a. KCTCS students will obtain dual admission to NKU by completing an application for the pathway program established by KCTCS and NKU. The NKU application fee will be waived for participants in the pathway program.

- b. KCTCS pathway participants will have access to NKU advisors to assist in the seamless transfer to NKU.
 - c. KCTCS pathway students will have access to NKU librarians and the library resources.
 - d. KCTCS pathway students will be granted admission to NKU sporting events.
 - e. KCTCS pathway students will have access to the NKU recreation center.
 - f. KCTCS pathway students can have an NKU ID.
 - g. KCTCS pathway students will be invited to selected events at NKU.
3. All collegiate-level credit transferred from KCTCS shall be accepted toward transferable hours and shall be articulated to specific NKU courses when possible. Per NKU policy for transfer students, the KCTCS GPA does not transfer.
4. KCTCS students in an approved pathway are eligible for admission with junior standing to NKU provided they submit a completed application and have a minimum of 60 credits with a 2.0 or higher grade point average on a 4-point scale. Transfer students so admitted will be considered for admission to selective programs (majors, minors, or focus) with the same guidelines that are applied to native NKU students. Transfer students shall be responsible for understanding and adhering to the selective admission requirements, according to catalog requirements, at NKU.
5. KCTCS students completing an Associate in Arts (A.A.) or an Associate in Science (A.S.) degree before transferring to NKU will be certified in general education. Students who are certified in general education by KCTCS prior to transferring to NKU will be certified in general education. Additional general education courses may be required at NKU if the courses are required for the major or are a prerequisite for a major course. Students who transfer to NKU with an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) or an Associate in Fine Arts (A.F.A.) degree but without general education certification will be required to complete NKU's general education curriculum and KCTCS courses will be evaluated on a course-by-course and general education category basis.
6. Collegiate-level courses completed at KCTCS with a "D" or better grade will be accepted toward total credits earned. It should be noted that the student may be required to retake any course in which s/he received a grade of "D" where there is a higher minimum grade required for all native NKU students pursuing the same academic program. The application of this rule shall be the same for both native NKU students and KCTCS transfer students.

7. Under this agreement, KCTCS students will be encouraged to complete their associate degree before transferring to NKU. Should a KCTCS student transfer to NKU prior to completion of an associate degree, KCTCS shall provide the opportunity for students to subsequently complete the associate degree in absentia in accordance with the current Reverse Transfer of Credit Agreement between KCTCS and NKU.
8. Transfer students who have earned a cumulative grade point average below 2.0 or those who have been dismissed previously from another institution of higher education will be considered for admission according to the admissions policy and standards of NKU, according to catalog requirements.
9. KCTCS and NKU are committed to ensuring that pathways are accurate at the beginning of each academic year. When curricular changes occur at either institution, the other institution should be notified about the time of the release of the new catalogs and pathways should be updated and reviewed by both institutions prior to the beginning of the next academic year.
10. In the event of curriculum changes, NKU will permit a KCTCS student in an approved pathway to designate their catalog of record for purposes of applicable requirements up to two years before the matriculation date at NKU, if such designation is to their advantage.
11. Written notice of intention to terminate, modify, or withdraw from this articulation agreement will be submitted by the academic head of either institution at least one academic semester prior to the proposed date of termination/withdrawal. Should a decision be made to modify or dissolve this agreement, students who are already attending NKU at the time will be permitted to continue as long as their academic performance remains in good standing.
12. This agreement becomes effective when all signatures are affixed and remains in effect for five years from the date below. After five years, the agreement may be renewed with or without modification by mutual agreement of both KCTCS and NKU.

NKU Commitments

1. NKU will provide a liaison who will coordinate the creation and review of pathways with KCTCS. The liaison will be responsible for disseminating information to NKU departments and advisors.

2. An NKU admissions counselor will be available to assist students in the transfer process and will attend transfer events at KCTCS institutions when possible.
3. NKU will provide connections to NKU advisors for KCTCS students in pathways.

KCTCS Commitments

1. KCTCS will provide a liaison who will coordinate the creation and review of pathways with NKU. The liaison will be responsible for disseminating information to KCTCS departments and advisors.
2. KCTCS will mention pathway programs to new students during orientations, campus visits, advising appointments, etc.
3. KCTCS will provide NKU with a syllabus for any course in question by NKU faculty for the proper evaluation of credit.

Commitments of NKU and KCTCS

1. NKU and KCTCS will promote this program through communications and websites to students whose goals are to complete a baccalaureate degree at NKU and for which KCTCS offers a program that connects to that degree through a pathway.
2. Both NKU and KCTCS will encourage KCTCS students to complete their associate degree before transferring to NKU.
3. NKU and KCTCS shall endeavor to increase the persistence of our students toward completion of the associate and baccalaureate degrees by providing KCTCS students interested in matriculating to NKU with the resources described above while they are completing their associate degree at KCTCS.

Signatures

Northern Kentucky University

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3/14/19

Ashish Vaidya
President

Date

Signed copy on file

3/11/19

Sue Ott Rowlands
Provost and Executive Vice President
For Academic Affairs

Date

Kentucky Community & Technical College System

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Kris Williams
Chancellor

Date