

# TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2024-2025

Associate in Science To  
Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care Program

The second professional year focuses on more advanced or specialized modalities of respiratory care. The third professional year includes courses necessary to develop an informed, broadly educated healthcare professional. To provide experience with patients, the program has clinical affiliations with hospitals in the northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati area. Successful completion of the program leads to the Bachelor of Science and to eligibility for the Therapist Multiple Choice (TMC) credentialing examinations given by the National Board for Respiratory Care. After passing the TMC exam, the graduate is eligible for a Kentucky Mandatory Certificate, an Ohio Respiratory Care Professional License, or licensure in another state.

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

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) cultural competence course, 5) demonstration of digital literacy, 6) college success requirement.

Students completing an associate degree with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher will be accepted into NKU.

**Special admission requirements** The respiratory care program admits students each fall through a selective admission process. Once applicants have regular admission to NKU, they will be considered for the professional RSP courses if these criteria are met:

1. Complete a program application form.
2. Possess a GPA of 2.30 or higher on previous college coursework, assuming a 4.0 scale.
3. Completion of CHE 115/CHE 115L (with a **C** or higher).
  - a. GCTC: CHE 130: Introduction to General and Biological Chemistry and CHE 135: Introduction to General and Biological Chemistry Lab
4. Completion of ENG 101 College Writing or other general education courses in the Written I with a grade of C or higher.
5. Completion of BIO 208/BIO 208L with a grade of **C** or higher.
  - a. GCTC: BIO 137: Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab
6. Completion of STA 205 or STA 205R with a grade of **C** or higher.
  - a. GCTC: MAT 151: Intro to Applied Statistics + STA 251: Applied Statistics

Applications completed prior to **February 15** are given priority. Conditional acceptance into the program can be given to students enrolled in any prerequisite course by the priority application date of **February 15**. Successful completion of these courses must be documented at the end of the term for final program admission. Students will be notified of their admission status in writing. Students who want to major in Respiratory Care but do not yet meet the above criteria should declare pre-respiratory care (XRSP) as their major, apply for acceptance into the program, and follow the advice of their Respiratory Care faculty advisor. Many students take prerequisites, general education, and science requirements

before starting the professional RSP course sequence. Students must also fulfill the immunization requirements listed on the Respiratory Care program immunization form and described in the Respiratory Care program student handbook before they are given hospital clinical assignments, a required part of the curriculum.

**Student criminal background check** Healthcare agencies are charged with providing care and protecting the safety of vulnerable populations including children and the aged. Agencies used for clinical placement require students to undergo criminal background checks and may deny clinical access to those convicted of felonies and certain misdemeanors. Conviction of these offenses may result in a student's denial of admission to, or dismissal from, the College of Health Professions. Applicants are



GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
FYE 105	Achieving Academic Success	3	UNV 100T	
Taken at NKU	Will be satisfied by NKU courses and transferred back to Gateway to earn an Associate in Science degree	12		
	<b>Subtotal Elective Course</b>	<b>18</b>		
	<b>Total Associate Degree Hour</b>	<b>61</b>		

Degree Requirement: One course must be selected from the KCTCS identified Cultural Competence course list in the KCTCS catalog.

If student completes all program pre-requisites and general education classes, instead of completing final four elective courses (noted as taken at NKU) before applying to the Respiratory program at NKU, they can choose to go ahead and transfer to NKU and then use the reverse transfer process to send back the final 12 credits to meet Gateway degree requirements using classes taken at NKU.

Please refer to the first page of this pathway for important transfer information for the competitive admissions process for this program.

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#### Category 4 NKU Major Requirements for the BS in Respiratory Care

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
BIO 202/202L	Microbiology for Health Professionals with Lab	4	BIO 225	x
BIO 208/208L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab	4	BIO 137	x
BIO 209/209L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab	4	BIO 139	x
CHE 115/115L	Physiological Chemistry with Lab	4	CHE 130/135	x

