

GENERAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS WITH AN A.S. OR A.A. DEGREE

POLICY NUMBER: AAPC-GENEDCERTFORTRANSFERSTUDENTS-AA-AS

POLICY TYPE: ACADEMIC & ADMISSIONS POLICY COMMITTEE

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL TITLE: PROVOST & EXEC.VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

RESPONSIBLE OFFICE: VICE PROVOST FOR UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

EFFECTIVE DATE: UPON PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL – 8/12/2020

NEXT REVIEW DATE: PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL PLUS FOUR (4) YEARS – 8/12/2024

SUPERSEDES POLICY DATED: 11/10/2016

BOARD OF REGENTS APPROVAL (CHECK ONE):

PRESIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATION (CONSENT AGENDA/VOTING ITEM)

PRESIDENTIAL REPORT (INFORMATION ONLY)

I. POLICY STATEMENT

Students who complete an Associate of/in Science (A.S.) or Associate of/in Arts (A.A.) degree from a regionally accredited institution or an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and are admitted to Northern Kentucky University (NKU) based on admission criteria at the time of application will be fully certified for general education.

The following rules apply:

- a. Students must have an overall GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, as calculated by the college from which they graduated and be academically eligible for re-admission to the last institution attended.
- b. A student may be required to take an additional general education course if that course is required as a prerequisite for a specific major or the major requires a higher grade for a course than the student has earned at the sending institution.
- c. This policy is not retroactive and is for new students entering NKU beginning in Fall 2020 that have completed an A.A. or A.S. degree and have a transcript showing degree completion from Fall 2015 forward.
- d. Per The Principles of Accreditation Standard 9.3 published by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), a minimum of 30 semester hours or the equivalent of general education is required for a baccalaureate degree. These credit hours include at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural science/mathematics.

This policy does not apply to Associate in Applied Science degrees.

II. ENTITIES AFFECTED

Transfer students with an A.A. or A.S. degree, transfer students from non-regionally accredited institutions recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, Admissions, Registrar, Advising

III. AUTHORITY

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) *Resource Manual for The Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement* (2018)

Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education *The General Education Transfer Policy and Implementation Guidelines* (Revised June 2011, Effective Fall Semester 2012)

U.S. Department of Education

IV. DEFINITIONS

A.A.: Associate of/in Arts

A.S.: Associate of/in Science

General Education Certification: Complete with general education coursework

V. RESPONSIBILITIES

Academic Advisors: Policy interpretation

Admissions: Policy application

Registrar: Entering and evaluation of transfer credit

VI. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Upon admission to NKU, a student with an A.A or A.S. degree will be evaluated by the Registrar's Office and the general education certification will be applied.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

Admissions and Registrar's staff will need to be informed, along with advisors, chairs, deans, and other staff and faculty who work directly with students.

VIII. REFERENCES AND RELATED MATERIALS

REFERENCES & FORMS

SACSCOC *Resource Manual for The Principles for Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement*, Standard 9.3 <http://sacscoc.org/app/uploads/2019/08/2018-POA-Resource-Manual.pdf>

The Kentucky General Education Transfer Policy and Implementation Guidelines
<http://www.cpe.ky.gov/policies/academicaffairs/genedtransferpolicy.pdf>

Accrediting Agencies and Associations Recognized by the Secretary, U.S. Department of Education
<https://nces.ed.gov/pubs98/98300av2.pdf>

RELATED POLICIES

Transfer Credit Acceptance-Undergraduate:

<https://inside.nku.edu/content/dam/policy/docs/Policies/TransferCreditAcceptanceUndergrad.pdf>

General Education Certification for Transfer Students Who Completed the Ohio Transfer Module (OTM) or the Indiana Statewide Transfer General Education Core (STGEC):

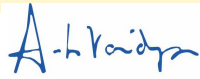
<https://inside.nku.edu/content/dam/policy/docs/Policies/GenEdCertforTransferStudents-OTM-STGEC.pdf>

REVISION HISTORY


REVISION TYPE	MONTH/YEAR APPROVED
Revision	August 12, 2020
New Policy	November 10, 2016

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PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL

PRESIDENT	
Signature 	Date 8/12/2020
Ashish K. Vaidya	

BOARD OF REGENTS APPROVAL

BOARD OF REGENTS (IF FORWARDED BY PRESIDENT)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This policy was forwarded to the Board of Regents on the Presidential Report (information only) . Date of Board of Regents meeting at which this policy was reported: <u>9</u> / <u>9</u> / <u>2020</u> .	
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VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF STRATEGY OFFICER	
Signature 	Date 9/14/20
Bonita J. Brown	