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**College of Education**  
**RG-015**

**ABSTRACT**

The Northern Kentucky University College of Education originated from one of the earliest academic offerings of Northern Kentucky State College (Northern Kentucky University's predecessor). The unit began as a department, evolved into a school and then a college. The College of Education records contain administrative and faculty records. These records document the development and administration of the college and the evolution of some of the college's departments and institutes through its fifty plus years' history.

**SUMMARY INFORMATION**

**Creators:** College of Education Office of the Dean and college departments, former College of Education and Human Services, Northern Kentucky State College.

**Span Dates:** 1973-2017

**Extent:** 1.83 cubic feet (7 boxes), .011 megabytes

**Languages:** The materials are in English.

**Repository Location:** Eva G. Farris Special Collections and Schlachter University Archives, W. Frank Steely Library, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Kentucky

**ACCESS POINTS**

**Subjects:**

Northern Kentucky University—College of Education  
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**Names:**

Northern Kentucky University  
Northern Kentucky University. College of Education  
Northern Kentucky State College

**Places:**

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Covington (Ky.)

## RELATED MATERIALS

**Separated Materials:** All loose photographs moved to University Photographs RG-047, Subgroup VIII Academics. Kinesiology syllabi moved to College of Health and Human Services RG-016.

**Related Archival Materials:** See University Photographs RG-047 for photographs of people and activities related to the College of Education. See Michael C. Berry Student Records MS-091 for Teacher Education at Northern Kentucky State College handbook (circa 1973) for student teaching.

## ADMINISTRATIVE/BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY

Northern Kentucky University's (NKU) start came from the University of Kentucky's extension centers/community college system. The University of Kentucky Northern Extension Center (UKNEC) and University of Kentucky Northern Community College (UKNCC) were predecessors to Northern Kentucky State College (NKSC) which became Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

On March 14, 1968, Governor Louis B. Nunn signed House Bill 255 authorizing the establishment of a four-year state college in northern Kentucky, Northern Kentucky State College. This passage of this bill began the transition of UKNCC, a community college, to NKSC, an independent four-year college. By July 31, 1969, all UKNCC assets were fully transferred to NKSC.<sup>1</sup>

The addition of Chase College of Law (1972) and a graduate program in education (1974) signaled a needed status change from an undergraduate college to a university.<sup>2</sup> On February 25, 1976, Governor Julian Carroll signed House Bill 180, formally changing Northern Kentucky State College to Northern Kentucky University, effective June 19, 1976.

In November 1970, the Board of Regents approved the appointment of Ray Waggoner as the department chair of the Education Program, establishing the department.<sup>3</sup>

NKSC's move to university status necessitated structural changes and in April 1977, President A. D. Albright began a major reorganization of the newly established Northern Kentucky University. The academic programs of the

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university divided into four distinct units composed of multiple departments: Basic Disciplinary Programs, Human Development and Services Programs, Legal Education Programs and Experimental Programs, with each unit headed by a dean.<sup>4</sup> The Education Program became one of four departments within the Human Development and Service Programs.

In August 1982, as the university's structure continued to evolve, and the Education Department joined the newly designated College of Professional Studies.<sup>5</sup>

The Education unit continued to grow and develop. In September 1999 it became the School of Education. Two years later it reached its final developmental stage when NKU's Board of Regents approved the creation of the College of Education,<sup>6</sup> and in September 2002, named Jim R. Gress as its first dean. The newly established college had two departments: Elementary, Middle and Secondary Programs, and Educational Specialties.<sup>7</sup>

In 2005, NKU added the Department of Social Work and Human Services to the college and changed the name to the College of Education and Human Services. This basic structure, with the later addition of the Department of Kinesiology and Health, remained in place until 2019 when the college was reorganized. At that time, the Department of Counseling, Social Work and Leadership and the Department of Kinesiology and Health moved to the College of Health and Human Services, and the college returned to its original formation, the College of Education.<sup>8</sup>

The College of Education currently operates with two departments and one institute: Educational Leadership and Advanced Studies, Teacher Preparation and Educational Studies, and the Institute for Talent Development and Gifted Studies.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

College of Education RG-015 consists of administrative, faculty and event records created and maintained by the university's education unit, first as a department, then as a school and finally as a college.

These records document some of the college's administrative, department and institute policies, activities, publications, and print materials.

The processing level of the records varies from completely processed and organized to minimally processed records.

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This is an open Record Group meaning new additions are expected to be received.

There are three (3) Subgroups in this Record Group.

**Subgroup I, Office of the Dean Records (1988-2008)**, contains Administrative Records.

**Subgroup II, Teacher Preparation and Educational Studies Records (1977-2012)**, contains Administrative Records and Faculty Records. The Fall 2009 structural reorganization resulted in the movement of EDS, EDA and some EDU courses from Kinesiology, Health and Educational Foundations to Teacher Education. Syllabi from those courses are located in this subgroup under Faculty Records.

**Subgroup III, Institute for Talent Development and Gifted Studies Records (2008-2012)**, contains Administrative Records.

## SYSTEM OF ARRANGEMENT

The College of Education Record Group contains three Sub-groups: I Office of the Dean Records, II Teacher Preparation and Educational Studies Records, III Institute for Talent Development and Gifted Studies Records.

The subgroups are arranged hierarchically starting with the Dean's office, then department and institutes. Each Subgroup could contain the following Series/Subseries which are arranged hierarchically, then chronologically: 1. Administrative Records, Publications, Print Materials, Events; 2. Faculty Records.

## CONTAINER LISTING

Description	Date	Box
<b>Subgroup 1: Office of the Dean Records</b>		
Series 1: Administrative Records		
Organizational chart	2010	Digital-see Archives Staff
Northern Kentucky Writing Project Grant		
Publications	1988, 1993-1994	771
Newsletters	1992-1994, 1997-1998	771
Publicity, program brochures	1989, 1997	771
<i>Subseries 1: Publications</i>		
The Link	2005-2009	772

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<i>Subseries 2: Print Materials</i>		
Brochures, flyers	undated, 2000-2011	772
Stationary	2004-2008	772
<b>Subgroup 2: Teacher Preparation and Educational Studies Records</b>		
Series 1: Administrative Records		
Handbook	1981-1982	769
<i>Subseries 1: Publications</i>		
Newsletters	undated, 1988-1998	769
<i>Subseries 2: Print Materials</i>		
Brochures, flyers, forms	undated, 1978, 1984-2011	769
Summer programs brochures	1997-2000, 2008	769
<i>Subseries 3: Events</i>		
Agenda, invitation	undated	769
Education Day programs	1977, 1982, 1996	769
Series 2: Faculty Records		
Syllabi: EDA-EDU	2001-2012	561-564
Syllabi: EDA-EDU	2000-2009	Digital-see Archives Staff
<b>Subgroup 3: Institute for Talent Development and Gifted Studies Records</b>		
Series 1: Administrative Records		
<i>Subseries 1: Print Materials</i>		
Program brochures	2011	771
Explore More program brochures	2008-2012	771

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## ACQUISITION AND APPRAISAL

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## NOTES

**Processing Information:** Processing completed by Vicki Cooper, 2023. Initial preservation tasks and processing undertaken by Vicki Cooper, Lois Hamill and archives staff, 2007-2023. DACS compliant finding aid completed January 2024.

## Endnotes

1. Lois, Hamill, "Our Rich History: The Northern Extension Center Was the Start of Something New and Special." Northern Kentucky Tribune, October 22, 2018, <https://www.nkytribune.com/2018/10/our-rich-history-the-northern-extension-center-was-the-start-of-something-new-and-special/>.
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3. Northern Kentucky University Board of Regents Minutes, November 30, 1970, 2, <https://dspace.nku.edu/handle/11216/3168>. Northern Kentucky University Board of Regents Minutes, April 18, 1977, 3, <https://dspace.nku.edu/handle/11216/3168>.
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5. Northern Kentucky University Board of Regents Minutes, August 10, 1982, 5, <https://dspace.nku.edu/handle/11216/3168>.
6. Northern Kentucky University Board of Regents Minutes, May 9, 2001, 4, <https://dspace.nku.edu/handle/11216/3168>.
7. Northern Kentucky University Board of Regents Minutes, May 8, 2002, 4, <https://dspace.nku.edu/handle/11216/3168>.
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