

## Understanding Gifted and Talented Youth

**Develop a better understanding of and ability to meet the needs of gifted and talented youth through the asynchronous online courses.**

### START TODAY

1. Submit the [graduate application](#) for admission; choose micro-credential as degree type and select the Gifted and Talented micro-credential. The application fee is waived!
2. Submit your bachelor's degree transcript with 2.5 cumulative GPA and register for classes.
3. Send an email to [gifted@nku.edu](mailto:gifted@nku.edu) or call 859-572-6685 if you have any questions.

### COURSES AND OUTCOMES

The gifted and talented education endorsement/micro-credential courses include:

- EDG 621: Introduction to Gifted Education, fall semesters, 7 weeks
- EDG 623: Teaching Creative and Higher-Level Thinking, spring semesters, 7 weeks
- EDG 625: School Programs for Gifted Children, summer intersession, 3 weeks
- EDG 627: Seminar and Field Experience in Gifted Education, summer session, 5 weeks

The gifted and talented education endorsement/micro-credential provides the opportunity to gain experience in recognizing the characteristics and needs of gifted and talented youth from diverse backgrounds; develop strategies to support the social and emotional development of gifted youth; design curriculum and apply instructional strategies that enhance gifted students' learning; and advocate for gifted learners to a variety of stakeholders.

### WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

Innovative thinking, entrepreneurial dispositions, critical and creative thinking, collaboration, drive, and the ability to analyze and challenge one's schema are all sought after skills in today's economy. These skills are essential components of NKU's gifted and talented endorsement/micro-credential program.

Gifted and talented students and those with high abilities need opportunities and innovative educational experiences that enable them to make continuous progress. NKU's gifted and talented education endorsement/micro-credential courses will provide you with the opportunity to explore the variations in learning and development among gifted learners; establish and sustain challenging learning environments; develop innovative evidence-based instructional and curricular strategies; and develop inclusive collaborative opportunities to support gifted and talented students, their parents, and educators.

*The gifted and talented education endorsement/micro-credential courses are offered online and can be completed within one academic year.*

### CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The gifted and talented education endorsement/micro-credential provides valuable experience and resources for classroom teachers, counselors, administrators, librarians, parents, and other community leaders to gain an understanding of the nature and needs of gifted and high-ability youth. Expand professional skills to provide optimal education experiences that fully engage gifted learners.