

Adult Education classes are non-credit and are provided at no cost to learners who qualify. Students acquire basic academic skills that assist them in transitioning to employment, training and postsecondary education. Black Hawk College holds classes at learning centers throughout the district.

Eligibility

Requirements vary by program. Select a program for details and contact Adult Education for additional information.

Program Name

[Adult Education English as a Second Language \(ESL\)](#)

[GED®](#)

[Volunteer Literacy](#)

[Optional Education & Youth GED®](#)

Support Services

Transportation

Bus tickets are available to students who receive public assistance, are unemployed or underemployed (determined by income). To request bus tickets, please ask at the class site location.

Child care

The Community Child Care Resource and Referral Center can assist in locating child care services for daytime or evening classes. Call 563-324-1302.

Services for students with disabilities

If you will need accommodations due to a disability (e.g. sign language interpreter, special seating) to participate in any BHC activity or program, please call the BHC Quad-Cities Campus Disability Services Office at 309-796-5900 or 309-716-3310 (video phone) or contact Adult Education staff at 309-796-8216. A one-week advance notice of

accommodation needs is recommended. For more information visit [Disability Services](#).

Parenting preparation

Pregnant and parenting students have access to individual counseling sessions as well as family living, nutrition, and child care and development classes.

Community linkages

With the student's permission, Optional Education will coordinate services and goals with social service agencies, psychologists, psychiatrists, court services and drug/alcohol programs.

Counseling - Optional Education

The Youth Service Bureau provides counseling services to students enrolled in the Optional Education program.

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How do I know which ESL classes I need to take?

Before you enroll in the ESL Program, you will be given a language placement test. Your level is determined by your score on the test. For more information about ESL classes, please call 309-796-5183.

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Who may take the GED® test?

- Anyone who is 18 years of age or older, maintained residence in the State of Illinois for at least 30 days, and are not high school graduates, but whose high school class has graduated.

- A member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty, who is 17 years of age or older, and who is stationed in Illinois or is a legal resident of Illinois
- A ward of the Department of Corrections who is 17 years of age or older, or an inmate confined in any branch of the Illinois State Penitentiary or in a county correctional facility.
- A female/male who is 17 years of age or older who is unable to attend school because she is either pregnant or the mother/father of one or more children
- A person who is 17 years of age or older who has been a dropout for a period of at least one year
- A person who is successfully completing an alternative education program under Section 2-3.81 or Article 13A of The School Code of Illinois
- A person who is enrolled in the youth education program sponsored by the Illinois National Guard (Lincoln's Challenge)

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Where do I register, make appointments, and pay fees?

Each of the four GED tests are \$30. When a student is ready to take a GED test they must go to GED.com and login to their personal GED account, register for a test date and time, and pay the \$30 fee. Adult Education staff is available to help students create a personal GED account and register for tests. Although registration occurs through GED.com, all testing is done at either The Black Hawk College Testing Center, or The Rock Island County Regional Office of Education.

Tests are offered at The Black Hawk College Testing Center and The Rock Island County Regional Office of Education to take the test. If students choose to test at that The Rock Island County Regional Office of Education they must contact the office directly to set up a preferred testing date and time. If students choose to take the test at The Black Hawk College Testing Center no appointment is needed. Students are welcome to walk in during normal business hours to test. The only requirement is that students arrive one hour before close of business to ensure ample testing time.

There is no fee to take the Constitution module. This module can be completed once students have taken their first GED exam.

Black Hawk College Testing Center

6600 34th Avenue
Moline, Illinois 61265
309-796-5170

Rock Island County Regional Office of Education
3430 Avenue of the Cities
Moline, Illinois 61265
Phone: 309-736-1111

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What is a passing score and what about retakes?

Students must obtain a score of 145 or higher on all four of the GED tests. Students who score above 165 (on any test subject) are considered ready to be college ready.

The Constitution score is not included in the overall total. Students who have high school transcripts indicating a passed Constitution test will have the test waived. Transcripts must be sent to the appropriate Testing Center.

Students are allowed to retake GED tests a maximum of three times within a calendar year. There is a fee of \$10 for each GED retake test.

There is no fee or limit of retake tests associated with the Constitution test.

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Do you need special accommodations?

Requests for classroom accommodations are to be submitted to the Black Hawk College Office of Disability Services. Requests for GED test accommodations are to be sent to GED Testing Services. Requests for Constitution test accommodations are to be sent to the appropriate testing location (Black Hawk College Testing Center or the Rock Island Regional Office of Education).

Black Hawk College staff is available to assist any students who wish to submit requests for

accommodations.

Offered accommodations include: extended time, large print text, audio tape versions, readers, and scribes.

Form L-15 or form SA-001 should be requested when registering for special needs.

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How should I prepare for the tests?

Black Hawk College offers classes at no cost, at the following locations:

- Outreach Center, 301 Avenue of the Cities, East Moline, IL or call 309-796-8216
- Adult Learning Center, 4610 Blackhawk Commons Drive, Rock Island, IL or call 309-794-1072
- Community Education Center, 202 E. Third St., Kewanee, IL or call 309-854-1875

[Register for Adult Education](#)

For more information about prep classes please call 309-796-8216.

Area bookstore and libraries have preparatory materials available.

Online GED® Practice Tests are available as well at gedpractice.com.

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How do students earn credit?

Cooperating schools require students to attend a class for a specified number of hours per .5 credit. While in attendance, students must complete the required assigned work at a passing level. Each class completed is worth one-half credit. Credit cannot be earned unless both attendance and work requirements are met.

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Is Optional Education a faster way to earn credit?

Students have the potential to earn credit more quickly in their home schools. Students who complete a full schedule of classes at the home school have the potential to earn 7 credits per year. Optional Education has a shorter day (4 or 5 hours), so students can only expect to complete 4 to 5 credits during an academic year. Some students earn less due to poor attendance or productivity.

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If I decide to enroll in the GED® program, what classes will I take?

GED® students prepare to demonstrate that they have the same skills as the average high school graduate in five fields: Literature and the Arts, Writing Skills, Science, Social Studies, and Mathematics. Students are tested when they enroll to help determine what areas need attention. Instructors then work with students to design a program that meets individual needs.

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If I decide to enroll in the GED® program, will I be able to go to college?

GED® graduates are eligible to enroll in college classes. While GED® graduates with high GED® and college entrance scores may go directly to a four-year institution, many begin college at a community college like Black Hawk College. A college-bound GED® student should strive to earn scores that are higher than the minimum passing score. The student should also consider enrolling in keyboarding and introductory computer classes. Typing and computer skills will make the transition to college much easier.

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How do I sign-up for GED classes?

For Optional Education-/Youth GED contact Laura Bragg braggl@bhc.edu - 309-796-8252.

For Adult GED contact Jennifer Sweborg sweborgj@bhc.edu - 309-796-5562.

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