



## Sample Transfer Plan

### Area of Focus: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

**This guide is for students transferring with an Associate in Arts (AA) degree to a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education in Illinois.**

Early childhood programs prepare students to work with children from birth through grade 2 (licensure programs) or older young children (non-licensure programs). Depending on the type of degree program, students can consider work in childcare or preschool settings, public or private schools, social agencies, government agencies, or other environments that need specific knowledge about young children and their needs. For their academic programs and future employers, students should prepare to document and meet all health and background checks required by academic programs and employers.

#### **ECE Licensure programs: birth through grade 2**

Students wanting to teach in public or private school classrooms must select a degree program that leads to license to teach. The program will be approved by the Illinois State Board of Education and explicitly prepares students to apply for a Professional Educator's License (PEL) from the State of Illinois.

- Licensure degrees are typically called Early Childhood Education or Professional Educator bachelor degrees. Due to the specific requirements of licensure programs, students are strongly advised to work closely with advisors at Black Hawk College and their selected transfer school early in their college planning.
- Black Hawk provides transfer planning information to Early Childhood Education licensure programs through the [Transfer Finder section of our website](#) for these universities:

Illinois State University  
Northern Illinois University  
Western Illinois University

- Students who have not selected a transfer school can elect to follow course recommendations from the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) [Early Childhood Education Majors Panel](#). Black Hawk courses recommended by the IAI ECE Majors Panel are:

IAI Code	Black Hawk course (credit hours)
C1 900	ENG 101 or 101C Composition I (3)
C1 901R	ENG 102 Composition II (3)
C2 900	SPEC 101 Principles of Speech (3)
ECE 912	ECE 200 Growth & Devel. of Young Child (3)

IAI Code	Black Hawk course (credit hours)
ECE 913	EDUC 210 The Exceptional Child (3) *
ECE 915	ECE 222 Child, Family and Community (3) *
F1 900, or F2 900	MUSC 154 Introduction to Music (3), or ART 100 Art Appreciation (3)
H3 912	ENG 221 Survey of British Literature (3)
H3 915	ENG 214 Modern American Literature (3)
L1 900L, or L1 910L	BIOL 100 Introduction to Biology (4), or BIOL 105 General Biology I (5)
n/a	MATH 100 Math for Elem Teachers I (pre-req for MATH 200)
M1 903	MATH 200 Math for Elem Teachers II
P1 900L, or P1 902L	PHYS 110 Introduction to Physics (4), or CHEM 110 Introduction to Chemistry (4)
P1 906L, or P1 906L	ASTR 101 Astronomy: The Solar System (4), or ASTR 102 Astronomy: Stars and Galaxies (4) <i>Teaching licensure requires Earth/Space science content which can be fulfilled with this third science course. The requirement could also be fulfilled after transfer where Geology, Geography or Meteorology courses may be offered.</i>
S2 900, or S2 901	HIST 105 US History to 1877 (3), or HIST 106 US History since 1877 (3)
S3 901, or S3 902	ECON 221 Principles of Macroeconomics (3), or ECON 222 Principles of Microeconomics (3)
S5 900	POLS 122 American National Government (3)

\* Black Hawk has not applied for IAI coding for EDUC 210 or ECE 222; however, these courses have been articulated to many Illinois universities which accept it for their education program. **Verify transferability with the transfer school before enrolling in these courses.**

Students should not take NSCI 101 Environmental Science I or NSCI 102 Environmental Science II to fulfill any of the science courses unless explicitly allowed by a transfer school's education program.

### Non-licensure programs: birth to about age 8

Non-licensure bachelor's degrees are for students who want to serve, study, or advocate for young children and their families but not teach. These degrees do not include classroom-based student teaching and may not include other requirements necessary for licensure. Non-licensure degrees can prepare students to provide social services, community-based family support, home visits and advocacy. Positions are available in fields such as mental health, juvenile justice, legislative services, research and other human service systems

- Non-licensure degrees have various names such as Early Childhood Studies, Early Childhood Practice, Infant Toddler Studies, Applied Educational Studies, Child Development, General Studies with a concentration or option in Early Childhood, etc.
- To choose courses, refer to the requirements of the specific degree at the transfer school you're interested in. Work with advisors to decide which courses can be taken at Black Hawk and that will transfer to your program. Begin your search for equivalent courses by using [Transferology](#).

## Another way to transfer

Students typically start with the Associate in Arts (AA) degree then transfer to their bachelor program. However; it is possible to start with Black Hawk’s career-oriented Early Childhood Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree.

The State of Illinois supports the AAS-to-Bachelor transfer path through the Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity act (ECACE). Black Hawk works with several Illinois universities so that career-oriented students who complete the AAS degree can also transfer and complete a bachelor degree. For more information about ECACE, available degrees and available scholarships, use [Black Hawk’s Transfer Finder tool](#). In the tool, for “I plan to major in”, select Education. For “At Black Hawk my degree program is”, select AAS/Certificate.

## Course Transferability

- Course and transfer requirements can vary among institutions and may differ from the recommendations on this guide. Grades of ‘C’ or better are commonly required for education programs.
- Students are advised to select a transfer school as soon as possible, typically before completing 30 college-level credits.

## Advising Notes

- See the current [BHC Catalog](#) for all IAI course codes, course descriptions, pre-requisite information, and complete graduation requirements to earn the degree. The area of focus is not stated on student transcripts.
- This guide is not a substitute for advising.
  - Summer and Fall Semesters – be advised in February or March.  
Registration begins on the 1st Tuesday in April.
  - Spring Semester and the Minimester – be advised in September or October.  
Registration begins on the 1st Tuesday in November.

## Need Help?

Advisors and faculty are available to support your planning and transfer goals.

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Black Hawk College develops Sample Transfer Plans as a service to students. This guide is for general planning purposes. Final responsibility for verifying all graduation and transfer requirements rests with the student.

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