	Transfer Planning Guide **St. Ambrose University** **Early Childhood Education, B.A. degree**	**St. Ambrose Contact** *Pat Kretchman, Academic Advisor* *phone 563-333-6131* kretchmanpatriciaa@sau.edu **Black Hawk Contact** *Advising* *Phone: 309-796-5100* ADVQC@bhc.edu

TRANSFER FACTS

1. All students, regardless of major, who have successfully earned an Associate in Arts (AA) or Associate in Science (AS) degree and attained an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher on a 4-point scale, will be admitted to SAU with junior status. All students seeking admission to the Teacher Education Program (TEP) must first apply and be accepted to SAU before applying to SAU's TEP.

2. Students transferring prior to completion of the AA or AS degree should also reference SAU's general education requirements or consider transferring credits back to Black Hawk to earn the AA or AS degree after transfer.

3. Candidates who major in Early Childhood Education at SAU will be prepared to acquire an Iowa early childhood endorsement to be licensed to teach children birth through grade 3 with and without disabilities and developmental delays. Candidates who plan to teach in a state other than Iowa should consult the TEP concerning certification requirements

4. For the TEP, a minimum GPA of 3.0 is required cumulatively, 3.0 for all education core courses, and 3.0 for major/endorsement courses. Grades of "D" or "F" are not accepted.

   - Teacher education has a number of additional requirements that are enumerated by entrance year into the TEP, including minimum ACT scores. See SAU's TEP Admission Requirements..

   - Before gaining full admission to the St. Ambrose TEP, students must pass the Praxis Core Test. www.ets.org/praxis. Test scores need to be available by mid-July for students entering in fall and by mid-November for students entering in spring.

   - Before gaining full admission to the St. Ambrose TEP, students must also **complete 50 field hours of participation on-site at an approved local school as part of a transcripted class.** Field experience must be recent and it must be related to the area in which a student seeks licensure. Students should consult with SAU early in their college course work on completing the participation and documentation required via EDUC 207 prior to entering the education major. Alternatively, students may take SAU's EDUC 205 to complete the field experience (course pre-requisite of 2.7 GPA)

   - Students may be admitted into TEP in either the fall or spring semester.

Early Childhood Education majors must present evidence of current certification in infant, child, and adult CPR and first aid before the student teaching semester.

CLEP and AP credit are subject to review for credit at SAU on an individual basis. Students should send official scores to SAU.

A maximum of 64 community college credits could be applied toward the minimum of 120 credits required for SAU graduation. More than 120 credits, and more than 4 semesters after transfer, may be required to meet TEP graduation requirements.

SUGGESTED COURSES – Early Childhood Education majors should include the following courses in the AA.

Notes	BHC Courses	SH	SAU Equivalent
	ENG 101	3	ENGL EL
	ENG 102	3	ENGL 101
	SPEC 101	3	COMM 129
1	MATH 210	4	MATH 210
	HIST 105 or HIST 106 or POLS 122	3	HIST 201 or 202 or PSCI 101
	PSYC 101	3	PSYC 105

	IAI Physical Science	3 min.	Natural Science
	BIOL 100 or BIOL 101	4	BIOL 101
2	Foreign Language	0-8	Foreign Language-General Education Requirement
3	PHIL 100, 101, 103, 205, or 206; HIST 222	3-6	Philosophy/Theology Requirement
4	HEAL 102	2-3	KIN 149 (1 credit hour at SAU)
4	HEAL 200	3	KIN 206 (2 credit hours at SAU)
	ECE 200 (fall only)	3	EDUC 284
4	ECE 201 (spring only)	3	ECE 381 (lower division credit)
5	EDUC 210 (if completed by spring 2017)	2	SPED 310 (lower division credit)
6	ECE (previously CD) courses	Varies	Electives

Minimum total hours required for associates degree – 64

See degree requirements at [Transfer Programs](#)

NOTES:

Students' assessment scores might indicate the necessity of prerequisite English, math or reading courses in addition to the courses suggested in this sequence.

1. Effective fall 2016 and later: Enroll in MATH 210. MATH 210 has a pre-requisite of MATH 112 College Algebra which may be used as an elective. Consult an advisor about selecting an additional math course to fulfill BHC's general education core requirement.

2. Foreign Language, SAU graduation requirement: SAU requires three years of the same foreign language in high school, or the same foreign language in college through the equivalent of the 102-level (first year, second semester). Sign language may meet this requirement. Foreign language at the 202 level or above will meet a humanities requirement at Black Hawk College.

3. Students are strongly encouraged to complete at least one Philosophy course prior to transferring to SAU.   Students who earn the AA or AS degree at BHC will only need to complete 6 hours of Philosophy/Theology after transfer. An introductory philosophy course is recommended to meet a humanities requirement at BHC, as well as a prerequisite for an upper level philosophy or theology course at SAU. Students **not** earning the AA or AS degree may meet up to six hours of the twelve hour Philosophy/Theology requirement prior to transfer by completing one Philosophy course and HIST 222 at BHC.

4. May be taken after transfer at SAU. Students should not exceed 27 elective credits and 64 total credits in the AA degree.

5. Students completing EDUC 210 The Exceptional Child with a C or better by spring 2017 may transfer the course to St. Ambrose as SPED 310 Inclusion Strategies for Students with Special Needs. Starting summer 2017, students who have not completed EDUC 210 will need to take SPED 310 at St. Ambrose.; EDUC 210 will transfer as an elective.

6. Students may use additional ECE (or CD) courses as electives in the associate's degree. ECE (or CD) courses not specified above will transfer to SAU as electives. Students should not exceed 27 elective credits and 64 total credits in the AA degree.

This guide is not intended to be a contract with SAU. The information on this guide is subject to change; students are advised to contact SAU to keep informed of changes. Final responsibility for verifying all transfer information lies with the student.

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