Welcome Letter

Dear Future Black Hawk College Student,

As you try and decide which college you want to attend, let me invite you and your family to discover all that Black Hawk College has to offer you. Our institution has been a part of the communities it serves for several decades. Our distinguished faculty members help make your college experience the best that it can be. Our sports teams, student organizations and community involvement provide something for everyone to enjoy. I hope you will be able to schedule some time to tour one of our campuses.

Even if you aren’t able to visit a campus, this view book will give you a window into student life at Black Hawk College. I assure you that we are here to work with you and your family every step of the way as you become familiar with not only Black Hawk College, but with the entire higher education experience. If you do chose to attend, I hope to see you walking across the stage at commencement, shaking my hand and receiving your certificate or degree. All the best to you as you make your decision.

Best regards,

President Tim Wynes, J.D.
Who makes Black Hawk College

Please take the time to meet Black Hawk College’s 468 faculty and staff members. Ranging from new hires to employees with 50+ years of experience, you will meet a variety of people with one thing in common. They are all dedicated to helping you succeed and to contributing to the community.

These friendly faces and our thousands of students make up Black Hawk College.

Black Hawk College’s mission is to provide the environment and educational resources for individuals to become lifelong learners. Total accessibility, quality instructional programs, student-centered services and strategic alliances position Black Hawk College as the preferred choice for education and training.
ABOUT BLACK HAWK COLLEGE

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About Black Hawk College

Black Hawk College:

- Offers a variety of high quality career and transfer programs at an affordable cost and a wide range of community outreach programs
- Began in 1946 as Moline Community College and became Black Hawk College in 1961
- Includes Quad-Cities Campus in Moline, IL and East Campus in Galva, IL and several outreach sites
- Serves more people than any other institution of higher education in the Illinois Quad-Cities area
- Is recognized by the Illinois Community College Board and accredited by the Higher Learning Commission
- Operates within Illinois Community District #503, which encompasses 2,200 square miles with more than 225,000 residents

Black Hawk College Invests in Your Future!

Black Hawk College Construction Projects Since 2012:

QUAD-CITIES CAMPUS
- Building 1 addition (classrooms, offices and courtyard) – 2019
- Remodeled Enrollment Services area in Building 1 – 2018
- Remodeled Testing Center, Tutoring Center and ESL area – 2017
- Health Sciences Center – 2015
- Renovation of Library and Teaching & Learning Center – 2014
- Building 1 addition (First Stop Center and Hawk’s Hub bookstore) – 2013
- The Villas at Black Hawk (student housing) – 2013
- Sustainable Technologies Building – 2012

EAST CAMPUS
- Stables Project – 2019
- Veterinary Sciences Center – 2016
- Ring Road – 2016
- Science Lab Addition – 2013

TRAINING CENTER
- Welding & Skilled Trades Center in Kewanee – 2015
**Fun Facts**

- **Students Enrolled**: 4,926
- **31% Minority**
- **45% Male, 55% Female**
- **35 Associate Transfer Degree Pathways**
- **20 Associate Applied Science Programs**
- **45 Certificate Programs Offered**
- **750 Graduates Each Year**
- **18 Average Class Size**
- **72% Semester Retention**
- **Open Enrollment Policy**
- **2 Campuses**
- **6 Outreach/Training Centers**
- **100 Full Time Faculty**
- **50% Receive Financial Assistance**
Take the next step at Black Hawk College!

- Apply for admission at www.bhc.edu/apply and pay the $20 application fee.
- For the latest tuition rates, check our website at www.bhc.edu/tuition.
- Send official transcripts from high school or college, and any ACT/SAT scores to:

  Black Hawk College  
  Enrollment Services  
  6600 34th Ave.  
  Moline, IL 61265
What It’s Like to Graduate from BHC

When you walk across the commencement stage, you will feel a flood of emotions, including pride. Your hard work will have paid off, and as this chapter of your life closes, you will be well-prepared for your next step.

A 25-YEAR-OLD BLACK HAWK COLLEGE GRADUATE CAN EXPECT A TOTAL LIFETIME EARNINGS GAIN OF $507,000.

Illinois Community College Report 2014

“I decided to attend Black Hawk College because of the math department’s excellent reputation, and I am so glad I made that decision. Flexible scheduling options allowed me to balance work and college. I started doing really well in the media sales field, which lead to new and exciting goals. My degree opened up a lot of doors for me, and ultimately lead me to my current position as a senior account executive.”

– Shawnae Van Alsburg of Milan, Illinois
1992 Associate in Applied Science graduate

“I took government courses at Black Hawk with Larry Lorenson as my instructor. I never knew that I would be interested in government. Larry was the Mayor of Moline at the time and made it all very interesting... especially his stories as the mayor. If I had not taken those courses with Professor Lorenson I’m sure I would never have gained an interest. Fast forward 10 years and I began serving my city as an Alderman from the 2nd Ward and eventually Mayor for 12 years, serving 20 years in government.”

– John Thodos of East Moline, Illinois
1983 Liberal Arts/Business Associate in Arts graduate
Featured Areas - Overview

**Agriculture** – cultivate your future with hands-on classes

**Business** – become an asset to companies looking to hire

**Health Sciences** – prepare to help others in a rapidly growing field

**Career & Technical** – gain the skills needed for immediate employment or job upgrading

**Transfer** – earn the first half of your bachelor’s degree

**Online** – take advantage of the convenience of learning online
Agriculture

To meet the demands of an ever-changing agriculture industry, Black Hawk College East Campus offers a variety of career and transfer programs to ensure students are prepared with advanced training. Our graduates hold positions in agribusiness management, crop and livestock production, veterinary clinics and hospitals, and ag equipment dealerships. They are mechanics, farm operators, herdsmen, riding instructors and horse trainers.

“The professors are not only professors but life mentors. They go out of their way to ensure that not only are you understanding their course material, but they teach you life lessons that lead to career and personal success. Their ties in the Ag industry lead to ample opportunity in the world of internships, careers, or even just friendships. All of these components combine to create a positive atmosphere where opportunity thrives.”

– Courtney Coffman of Huntington, Indiana
2018 Associate in Science - Agriculture Transfer graduate
Business

Business degrees and certificates from Black Hawk College will prepare you with the financial decision-making and communication skills businesses expect. Students also benefit from networking activities such as job shadowing, volunteering and attending professional seminars and events. Our instructors connect with local employers to find out what courses and skills graduates should have when entering the workforce. This means you’ll have a competitive advantage in today’s job market. Most certificates and degrees require students to complete an internship that provides real-world experience.

“Completing my education was a personal challenge. It pushed me to open up and expand myself into someone I almost didn’t recognize. It was the hardest – but most rewarding – thing I’ve ever done.”

– LuAnn Sopiars of Kewanee, Illinois
2017 Administrative Assisting Associate in Applied Science graduate
Health Sciences

The U.S. Department of Labor says health care occupations will add more jobs than any other group of occupations by 2024. The best place to start a health care career is Black Hawk College. Our grads are in demand – area health care facilities contact us when they have positions to fill. Black Hawk College offers programs in health careers to meet the needs of many students. Whether interest is in an eight-week course preparing for almost immediate employment or in a two-year degree program, there is a program to meet all needs.

“As a husband and father, I wasn’t sure going back to school to change careers would be possible. Black Hawk College has provided the availability in courses and support I needed to pursue a career in nursing at a very competitive price. The teachers are the best part of the school— many who are among the best I’ve had the pleasure of working with. I have been lucky to learn from so many great teachers who bring real world experience to the classroom and take great pride in seeing students succeed.”

– Nick Nolte of Moline, Illinois
Associate Nursing Degree student
Career and Technical

The mission of the career and technical education programs at Black Hawk College is to provide students the opportunities to choose, prepare for and advance in their careers and vocations. This mission is accomplished by integrating technical education and academic education to provide the skills and education needed for living in a global society, competing in the workforce and being receptive to lifelong learning.

“The networking that is in place is outstanding and made the transition to my internship easy. The auto program was more than hands-on projects, we were really fixing customers’ cars and not just working on hypothetical scenarios on a simulator. All of my shop experiences at the college, as well as the people I met outside of the college that support the program, prepared me for the opportunities that were waiting for me after I graduated.”

– Ken Kuehn of Putnam, Illinois
2015 Associate in Applied Science – Automotive Repair Technology graduate
2001 Associate in Science – Agriculture Transfer graduate
Transfer

Associate degrees prepare students to transfer to four-year colleges or universities offering bachelor’s degrees. Your course of study can be tailored to your intended major and transfer school requirements. Black Hawk College has established transfer agreements with more than 24 colleges and universities, covering programs from accounting to theatre.

“Black Hawk College prepared me for a four-year college by letting me get my general education courses at a more affordable cost while also being able to explore different majors. For someone like me, who wasn’t sure about a major at the time, it was nice to be able to have the option to take different classes to find what I wanted to do. Also, it allowed me to adjust to the college life without really having to go far away.”

– Kayleen Mercer of Port Byron, Illinois
2018 Associate in Arts graduate
YOUR CLASS OPTIONS
When you choose to attend Black Hawk College, you have options. Black Hawk College offers traditional classes at each campus. In addition, many courses are available in hybrid format or online, so you have an opportunity to learn in a way that suits your needs. No matter which option you choose, you can count on receiving a quality education.

ONLINE OFFERINGS
Black Hawk College offers a variety of online courses, including accounting, anthropology, biology, business, child development, computer science, economics, English, math, sociology and speech. You can mix and match – take some courses on campus and some online, or earn an Associate in Arts completely online.

ARE ONLINE CLASSES RIGHT FOR YOU?
If you’re self-motivated, self-disciplined and ready for a challenge, take advantage of our online classes. Online courses are highly structured and involve frequent interactions with your instructor and classmates. They are challenging and not an easier version of a face-to-face class. You don’t need a high level of computer skills, but you should have some experience navigating the Internet and using email.

“As an online student myself, I really enjoy the flexibility online classes provide. Black Hawk College offers high quality classes that meet the needs of the student’s busy schedule. The faculty and staff are committed to helping students succeed in all of their classes.”

– Katie Johnson, Department Chair of Communication and Fine Arts, Assistant Professor of Speech
Student Life
(The College Experience)

Develop your talents or fuel your passions in any of Black Hawk College’s clubs and organizations. You’ll find service organizations, special interest clubs, event committees, support groups, honor societies, and beyond.

ATHLETICS (OFFERED AT QUAD-CITIES CAMPUS)
- Baseball and Softball
- Basketball, Men’s and Women’s
- Golf
- Volleyball

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

East Campus:
- Ag Ambassadors
- Agribusiness Club
- Auto/Ag Mechanics Club
- Horticulture Club
- Honors: Phi Theta Kappa (Alpha Phi Beta Chapter)
- Science & Math Club
- Service: Circle K International

Quad-Cities Campus:
- Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Psi Beta, and Sigma Kappa Delta
- Health: National Student Nurses Association (NSNA – Black Hawk Chapter) and Student Wellness Club
- Science: BITS (Black Hawk College IT Society), Clean Sphere and Student Wellness Club
- Cultural: Art Collective, Association of Latin-American Students (ALAS) and International Student Association
- Political and Military: Military Students and Veterans Club (MSVC)
- Social Activist: Conversation Club, Sisterhood On Campus (SOC), WISE (Women In Support of Equality)
When you’re a student at Black Hawk College, you’re part of a family. Small class sizes and available professors allow you to make connections easily.

Here are some of the resources available to you:

- Academic advising and transfer advising
- Tutoring
- Study group support
- Academic skills workshops
- Accommodations assistance
- Library
  - Traditional and online research materials
- Campus-wide wireless access
- Financial aid
  - Emergency financial assistance
  - Federal, state and institutional funds
  - Work study
- Veterans
  - Laptop loans for the semester
  - Veteran Services Center
- Referrals to community resources
- Career Services Center
- TRiO Student Support Services
- Student records and registration
- Hawk’s Hub Quad-Cities Campus bookstore and East Campus Store
Making College Happen

Student loan debt can be overwhelming for new graduates entering the workforce, but Black Hawk College is an affordable option.

At Black Hawk College you’ll get a great education without the piles of debt that can come with attending a university. Get a head start in life – pick Black Hawk College.

You may also qualify for financial assistance to help make Black Hawk College even more affordable!

FINANCIAL AID
The Financial Aid Office can assist you in applying for federal, state and institutional funds to help meet your educational costs. Most of the funding is based on your family’s financial situation. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine eligibility at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

SCHOLARSHIPS
One of the best ways to receive a scholarship is through the Black Hawk College Foundations (East Campus and Quad-Cities Campus). We also offer academic and athletic achievement awards specifically for Black Hawk College students and can recommend other sources.

The foundations have more than 200 scholarships available to students. Scholarship opportunities are based on academic performance, financial need and/or area of study. You should apply for the opportunity to benefit from the generosity of the many individuals and organizations who believe in your education at [www.bhc.edu/scholarships](http://www.bhc.edu/scholarships).

WORK-STUDY
You can work part-time to earn money for your educational expenses under the Federal Work-Study Program. Work-study provides jobs for students with financial need based on the FAFSA. Black Hawk College offers positions both on-campus and off-campus in community service positions.
Internships

Internships take our students from the classrooms to the fields, farms, factories, businesses and offices of the region. Black Hawk College can assist you in learning outside of the classroom. We partner with businesses so you gain real world experience. Many programs require internships, where faculty will help you connect with a great opportunity for hands-on learning. Black Hawk College’s Career Services can also help you find the right internship to further your growth.
Both campuses have student housing featuring four-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments available for full-time students.

Quad-Cities Campus student housing, The Villas, is right across the street from the classroom buildings. The Villas are owned and operated by The Villas at Black Hawk, LLC. The land is leased from the Black Hawk College Quad-Cities Foundation.

Learn more about The Villas here: [www.liveatbhc.com](http://www.liveatbhc.com)

At East Campus, the student housing is Prairie Pointe Apartments, and is located right on campus. Prairie Pointe Apartments, LLC is owned by the Black Hawk College East Foundation and operated by Bluffstone, Inc.

Learn more about Prairie Pointe Apartments here: [www.bhehousing.com](http://www.bhehousing.com)

At The Villas and Prairie Pointe Apartments students enjoy:

- internet
- cable
- air conditioning
- included utilities
- laundry facilities
- on-site maintenance

With both student housing options, a student can choose their roommates as long as there are available bedrooms in that apartment.

If a student doesn't have roommates, a roommate matching survey that is part of the application process will be used to help match them with potential roommates.

All leases are individual leases, so the student is only responsible for their own rent.
Programs of Study

The fastest-growing jobs require training and education beyond high school. Black font = program offered at both campuses. Blue font = program only offered at EC. Orange font = program only offered at QC.

**TRANSFER DEGREES**
- Associate in Arts
- Associate in Fine Arts
- Associate in Science
- Associate in Science – Agriculture Transfer

**CERTIFICATES**
- A+ Prep Certificate
- Accounting Clerk
- Administrative Office Support Certificate
- Advanced Large Animal Tech Certificate
- Advanced Vet Office Management Certificate
- Agriculture Mechanics
- Air Conditioning Specialist
- Animal Science
- Art Technology Certificate
- Assistant Teacher Certificate
- Auto CAD Certificate
- Automotive Repair
- Banking and Finance
- Basic Nurse Assistant Training (CNA)
- Beef Production
- Brake Specialist
- Business Software
- CNC Manufacturing Certificate
- Intro to CNC Manufacturing
- Criminal Justice Tech Certificate
- Early Childhood Educator Certificate
- EMT: Paramedic
- Engineering Technology Fundamentals Certificate
- General Occupational and Technical Studies
- Horse Science Technology Certificate
- IT Support Technician Certificate
- Logistics and Warehousing (10 hrs.)
- Logistics and Warehousing (33 hrs.)
- Manufacturing Processes Certificate
- Medical Assisting Certificate
- Medical Billing Specialist Certificate
- Medical Coding Specialist Certificate
- Medical Office Receptionist
- Music Industry Certificate
- Network+ Prep Certificate
- Network Administrator Certificate
- Patient Care Assistant Certificate
- PC Application Programmer Certificate
- Practical Nursing (must be accepted into program)
- ProE Certificate
- Small Business Management
- Swine Production
- Team Leader
- Web Developer Certificate
- Welding
- Welding – Gas Metal Arc
- Welding – Shielded Metal Arc
- Wheel Alignment/Suspension
- Veterinary Assisting

**ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREES**
- Accounting
- Agribusiness Management
- Agribusiness Management – Crop Protection Technology option
- Agribusiness Management – Horticulture option
- Agriculture Mechanics Technology
- Agriculture Production Technology
- Automotive Repair Technology
- Business
- Computer Information Technology
- Criminal Justice Technology
- Early Childhood Education
- Emergency Medical Services – Paramedic
- Engineering Technology
- Equestrian Science
- Fire Service Officer
- General Occupational & Technical Studies
- Health Information Management
- Horse Science Technology
- Nursing (must be accepted into program)
- Physical Therapy Assistant (must be accepted into program)
- Surgical Technology (must be accepted into program)
- Veterinary Technology (must be accepted into program)
- Visual Communication
“Employers looking to employ nurses tell us that they want BHC students because they are better prepared, better organized, and better at thinking critically.”

– Trudy Starr, Department Chair and Professor of Nursing

“A BHC education has prepared my students to earn scholarships to film and journalism programs, land internships with companies like NPR and Disney, and study English and philosophy at the graduate level.”

– Andrew Hoogheem, Assistant Professor of English

“I’ve received multiple messages from BHC students who have transferred to four-year institutions who report feeling extremely well prepared for their science courses. They often report feeling ahead of their peers!”

– Isaac Stewart, Biology Instructor
Black Hawk College offers on-campus tours and events as well as off-campus events where you can learn more about us. We invite you to come to campus for a tour or to visit us for an upcoming event. Popular annual events include College Night in the fall and the Spring Open House at the Quad-Cities Campus and Ag Visit Days at the East Campus in the fall and spring. For dates and event or tour registration, and virtual tour videos, visit www.bhc.edu/go.

Send us questions or comments by filling out our contact form here: www.bhc.edu/contact-us or send an email to info@bhc.edu.

Quad-Cities Campus
6600 34th Avenue | Moline, IL 61265 | 309-796-5000
facebook: @blackhawkcollege
twitter: @BHCCampus

East Campus
26230 Black Hawk Road | Galva, IL 61434 | 309-854-1700
facebook: @BHCEastCampus
OUR COMMUNITIES

QUAD-CITIES - MOLINE
The Quad-Cities is a vibrant community with more than 400,000 residents. Black Hawk College's Quad-Cities Campus is located in Moline, Illinois, a city with a population of more than 42,000. The bi-state area's largest cities are Moline, East Moline and Rock Island in Illinois and Davenport and Bettendorf in Iowa.

The Quad-Cities are located along the Mississippi River, and offer many recreational opportunities. There are wonderful parks and fantastic trails for hiking, biking and walking. Festivals, museums, sports, theater, music and arts make it easy to have fun. There are also delicious dining options and many shops to explore.

EAST - GALVA
East Campus is located a short drive east of Galva, Illinois and just south of Kewanee in Henry County. Kewanee has a population of more than 12,000 and Henry County has more than 49,000 residents. A friendly, small town vibe is one great aspect of life in Galva. The area includes a beautiful mix of farmland, welcoming neighborhoods and scenic natural settings.

While there is easy access to interstates to visit larger metropolitan areas, Henry County has fantastic recreational and entertainment options close to home to enjoy. Visit parks, trails, festivals, museums, restaurants, theaters and musical venues during your time at East Campus. Kewanee's retail and dining options are just minutes away.

[Map of Black Hawk College District]
In compliance with the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act, 20 U.S.C. Sections 1092(a), (e), and (f), as amended, Black Hawk College makes available specified information on campus crime statistics, campus security policies, and institutional completion rates. Reference our information at https://www.bhc.edu/student-resources/safety-and-campus-police/student-right-know/. Questions related to these reports should be directed to Campus Safety & Police at 309-796-5913.

Black Hawk College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, national origin or ancestry, age, disability, unfavorable discharge from the military, or status as a disabled veteran or Vietnam-era veteran, in the recruitment and admission of students, the recruitment and employment of faculty and staff, or the operation of its educational programs as specified by State and Federal laws and regulations. The Affirmative Action Officer can be contacted at 309-796-5225 or by email at aaeeo@bhc.edu.

No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. Legal citation: Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and its implementing regulation at 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (Title IX). Students should direct inquires to Title IX Coordinator Jana Koch or Deputy Title IX Coordinator Luis Moreno, Black Hawk College, Building 1, Room 377 or Room 376, 6600 34th Ave., Moline, IL 61265. Phone 309-796-5177 or 309-796-5041 or email kochj@bhc.edu or morenol@bhc.edu. Faculty and staff should direct inquiries to Deputy Title IX Coordinator Stacey Cary at Black Hawk College, Building 1, Human Resources, 6600 34th Ave., Moline, IL 61265, phone 309-796-5225 or email carys@bhc.edu.

Should you need accommodations or this information in an alternative format, please contact Disability Services at 309-796-5900.