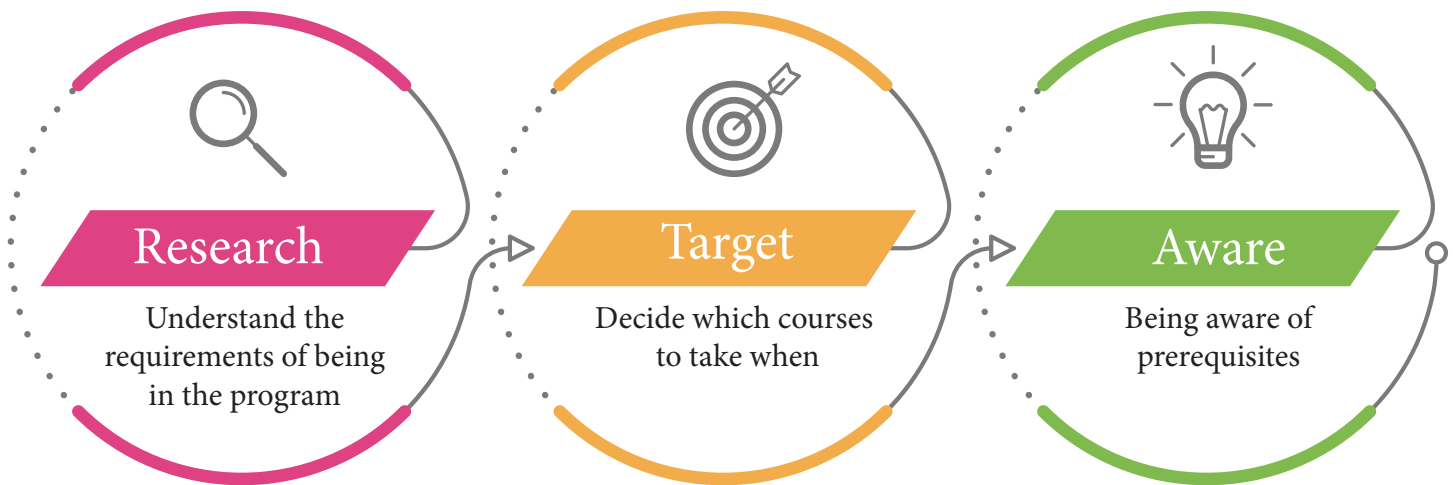


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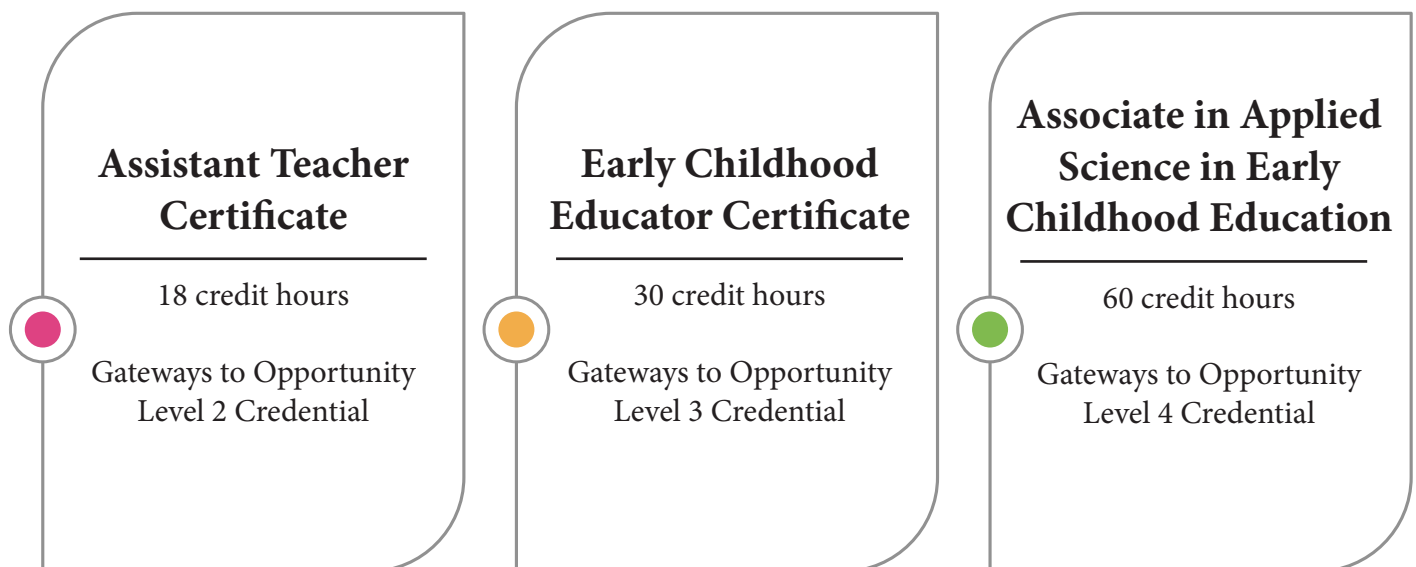
## Early Childhood Education Program

Black Hawk College has several transfer agreements to four-year institutions. Students can complete their bachelor's degrees in Early Childhood Education (ECE) allowing them to apply for their Professional Educator License (PEL) for the state of Illinois. Our best agreement is with National Louis University which transfers in Black Hawk College's Associate in Applied Science in Early Childhood Education and allows students to complete their bachelor of arts (B.A.) completely online.

### STEP 1. SPEAK TO AN ADVISOR & SET A GOAL



### STEP 2. CHOOSE A CERTIFICATE OR DEGREE



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## STEP 3. INFORMATION ON COURSES AND PROGRAM PATHWAY

### Students in all three programs

**Fall start:** Begin with ECE 200 and ECE 100 and then any other courses they choose from the program plan.

Students registered for ECE 100 need to have a background check and physical on file with the ECE program coordinator OR an Employment Verification Form (proof of employment in a licensed child care facility) in order to complete 10 hours of observation.

**Spring start:** Begin with ECE 222 and ECE 201 (second eight weeks of semester) and any other courses they choose from the program plan, preferably gen eds.

Students are required to pay for their own physicals and also must have a TB test. Background checks are done through Black Hawk College's ECE program that contracts with CastleBranch. The background checks currently cost \$61, and financial aid can be used through the bookstore. The physical and background check are good for three years and cover all courses in the program.

### Prerequisites and test scores:

- Before taking any ECE course, all students must have taken REA 098 and ENG 091 with a "C" or better or appropriate placement score.
- In order to take ECE 202, students must pass ECE 200 with a "C" or better.
- In order to take ECE 204, students must pass ECE 200 with a "C" or better and ECE 202 "C" with a or better and instructor consent.
- In order to take ECE 214, students must pass ECE 204 with a "C" or better and instructor consent.

## STEP 4. INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER COURSES IN THE PROGRAM

### Required observation, supervised experience, practicum experiences:

- ECE 100 (fall) has 10 hours of required observation (background check and physical or Employment Verification Form required).
- ECE 115 (fall) has 10 hours of required observation (background check and physical or Employment Verification Form required).
- ECE 203 (fall) has 10 hours of required observation (background check and physical or Employment Verification Form required).
- ECE 204 (fall) has 150 hours of practicum experience (background check and physical or Employment Verification Form required).
- ECE 202 (spring) has 60 hours of required observation (background check and physical or Employment Verification Form required).
- ECE 214 (spring) has 150 hours of practicum experience (background check and physical or Employment Verification Form required).
- ECE 215 (spring) has 10 hours of supervised experience in an infant-toddler classroom (background check and physical or Employment Verification Form required).
- EDUC 210 (spring) has a project that requires observation (background check and physical or Employment Verification Form required).

### Information on general education required and suggested courses:

- English – ENG 101 (required for Gateways credential)
- Speech – SPEC 111, SPEC 175 or SPEC 101
- PSYC/SOC – PSYC 101 or SOC 101
- Humanities (suggested) – MUSC 154, ART 100 or ENG 240
- Math – MATH 108, MATH 110 or BUSN 160. Must have a credit-bearing math class for Gateways to Opportunity Credential.