



## Sample Transfer Plan

## Area of Focus: **Social Work** Associate in Arts (AA) transfer degree

**This Sample Transfer Plan is for students intending to major in Social Work after transfer but who have not selected a transfer institution.** Students who have a specific transfer school in mind should work with BHC and transfer school advisors to ensure the transfer school's requirements are met.

A bachelor's degree from an accredited Social Work program will prepare students to provide clinical and case management services to individuals, couples, and families, as well as lay a foundation for graduate education in social work. Social workers help people solve and cope with problems in their everyday lives. Clinical social workers also diagnose and treat mental, behavioral, and emotional issues. They work in a variety of settings, including schools, hospitals, clinics, human service agencies, and private practices.

Students who decide not to pursue Social Worker licensure may work in a variety of direct social service occupations including community health workers, correctional treatment specialists, substance abuse counselors, marriage counselors and school counselors, as well as social and human service assistants. Overall employment of social workers is projected to grow 11% from 2018 to 2028, much faster than the average for all occupations. Increased demand for healthcare and social services will drive demand for social workers, but growth will vary by specialization and populations served.

<b>General Education Recommendations:</b>		<b>minimum 37 credits</b>
This section includes the complete <a href="#">Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum (IAI GECC)</a> which is a package of courses meeting general education requirements at more than 100 participating Illinois colleges and universities.		
<b>Communication (9 credits) – all courses required</b> ENG 101 Composition I (3) – <i>grade 'C' or better required</i> ENG 102 Composition II (3) – <i>grade 'C' or better required</i> SPEC 101 Principles of Speech Communication (3)	<b>Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences (9 credits)</b> <i>Must include courses from two disciplines</i> POLS 122 American National Government (3) PSYC 101 Intro to Psychology (3) SOC 101 Principles of Sociology (3)	
<b>Humanities &amp; Fine Arts (9 credits)</b> Humanities – PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy (3) <b>or</b> PHIL 103 Ethics (3) Fine Arts - choose one IAI: F or HF course (3) Humanities or Fine Arts – choose another IAI: F, H or HF course (3)	<b>Mathematics (3 credits)</b> MATH 108 Statistics for General Education (3)	
<b>Physical &amp; Life Sciences (7 credits min. - include one lab)</b> Physical Science – choose one IAI: P course (3 min.) Life Science – BIOL 100 Introduction to Biology (4) <b>or</b> BIOL 101 General Human Biology (4)		

<b>Elective Recommendations:</b>		<b>up to 23 credits</b>
This section includes courses appropriate for this area of focus. Because transfer institutions vary in their acceptance of coursework, see <a href="#">Course Transfer Tables and Transferology</a> , or an advisor. IAI courses are identified with an asterisk *.		
<b>Seek advising about other elective courses that may support your reasons for choosing this area of focus.</b>		
<b>Social Work Electives</b> SOC 222 Introduction to Social Work (3) SOC 290 Studies in Sociology (1-3) <i>Recommended for completion of volunteer hours required for admission to Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) programs. Consult an advisor and faculty.</i>  <b>Other Electives</b> ANTH 102 Intro to Cultural Anthropology (3)* ECON 221 Principles of Macroeconomics (3)*	<b>Other Electives, cont.</b> ECON 222 Principles of Microeconomics (3)* SOC 250 Social Inequality (3)* PSYC 250 Abnormal Psychology (3)*  <b>Second Language:</b> Consider potential second language admission and/or graduation requirements of transfer schools, which may be satisfied with high school and/or college courses. Consult an advisor.  <b>Minor:</b> Social Work is a comprehensive major that generally does not require completion of a minor. Consult an advisor on any additional course work needed for degree completion.	
<b>60 total credits required for AA degree (General Education + Electives)</b>		

**Non-Western studies graduation requirement:** To graduate with the AA degree, include at least one non-Western studies course. The course can simultaneously fulfill a general education requirement in Humanities, Fine Arts, or Social & Behavioral Science, or be taken as an elective. Choose from ANTH 100 or 102; ART 285 or 286; ENG 217, 218 or 219; HIST 222, 141, 142 or 151; HUM 102: IS 200; or MUSC 158.

**Learn More About This Area of Focus:**

- Get to know [Black Hawk College Career Services](#) Phone: 309-796-5626
- Visit [Career Coach](#) to Browse Careers. Includes job data and open positions for the greater Quad City region and beyond.
- Browse careers at [Collegegrad.com/careers](#) [O\\*Net OnLine](#) [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#) [Occupational Profiles](#)
- For additional information visit [National Association of Social Workers](#) [Social Work Guide](#)

**Course Transferability:**

- Course and transfer requirements can vary among institutions and may differ from the recommendations on this guide. Grades of 'C' or better may be required for a course to transfer, especially courses intended for the major.
- **Students are advised to select a transfer school as soon as possible, typically before completing 30 college-level credits.**

<b>Where to transfer?</b>		
To research transfer colleges and universities, visit the following links		
Explore Colleges & Universities <a href="https://www.bhc.edu/academics/transfer-planning/explore-colleges-universities/">https://www.bhc.edu/academics/transfer-planning/explore-colleges-universities/</a>	Illinois Institutional Profiles <a href="https://illinoispostsecondaryprofiles.com/Home/index">https://illinoispostsecondaryprofiles.com/Home/index</a>	College Navigator <a href="https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/">https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/</a> Council on Social Work Education <a href="https://www.cswe.org/Home.aspx">https://www.cswe.org/Home.aspx</a>

**Degree Timeframe:**

- Students who complete an average of 15 college-level credits in four consecutive fall and spring semesters could complete the degree in two years. Students determine their own pace and progress and should consider their work and personal commitments, course difficulty, course pre-requisites, and possible need for additional courses determined by placement assessments. Advisors are available to discuss credit load and schedules appropriate for student goals and circumstances.
- Students transferring before completing the associate degree should discuss [Reverse Transfer](#) with their BHC advisor. Black Hawk College will evaluate your college or university work to determine if those credits will fulfill the remaining requirements of the associate's degree.

**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. All students are encouraged to seek advising each semester. Advising is required prior to registering for students who have earned 15 or fewer college-level credits.
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Semester	Meet with BHC advisor	Registration begins
Summer and Fall	February or March	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday in April
Spring & minimester	September or October	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday in November

<b>BHC Contacts</b>		
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