

FAQ: Bright Horizons Education Boost

What is the Bright Horizons Education Boost program?

The Education Boost program from **Bright Horizons**® provides eligible participants with a period of unlimited access to college level learning through Bright Horizons FastTrack, an education platform powered by StraighterLine.

Your Education Boost program includes:

- A variety of self-paced courses that can satisfy general education requirements for an undergraduate degree in early childhood education or child development
- Live support from student success coaches to help you stay on track and reach your academic goals
- Free-of-charge eTextbooks for every course
- 10 hours of free one-on-one tutoring
- Professor-led course options that include online office hours and exam study guides
- Helpful webinars covering academic, career, and financial planning topics

How can I register for the Education Boost program?

To participate in Education Boost, you must register online by 8/31.

1. Go to clients.brighthorizons.com/bh and click on “Access Education Boost.”
2. Click on the registration link and complete the form.
3. A *Bright Horizons EdAssist Solutions*® team member will review your submission for program approval within three business days.
4. If approved, you will receive an email with your Bright Horizons FastTrack approval code and instructions on how to enroll in Bright Horizons FastTrack.

How is Education Boost’s program eligibility determined?

Full-time employees who have been furloughed are eligible for the Education Boost program.

Through August 31, furloughed employees currently participating in the Horizons benefit (including the eCDA program) and other Bright Horizons Tuition Assistance Programs are not eligible for Education Boost; these employees can continue their coursework with their current program while they are furloughed.

Employees in New York City and Canada are not eligible for Education Boost because classes completed through Education Boost have not yet been approved for transfer credit at the specific colleges that satisfy local certification requirements in NYC and Canada.



Are there any out-of-pocket costs?

Bright Horizons will automatically cover the cost of the Education Boost program. No reimbursement is necessary! E-textbooks, tutoring, and study guides are all included in your subscription membership.

When can I start?

Registration opens May 15, and you have until August 31 to sign up. EdAssist will review your submission within three days; after they confirm you are eligible to participate, you'll receive an approval code that you can use to create an account so you can start taking classes right away.

How long do I have to finish my coursework?

Education Boost classes are self-paced, but you must finish any coursework you begin within four months of entering the Education Boost program to receive credit. You can see when this four-month period ends on the Bright Horizons FastTrack site after you create your account.

What happens when I return to work?

You can finish courses currently in progress after you return to work. Remember: you must finish all Education Boost coursework within four months of entering the program. Credit will not be awarded for classes you do not complete by the end of your four-month subscription period, and subscriptions cannot be extended. After you return to work, you may enroll in the Horizons program to continue working towards your degree at no cost to you.

Why do I need to select a degree program and destination school?

Education Boost allows you to take general education courses through Bright Horizons FastTrack with the goal of getting you closer to earning your associate or bachelor's degree in early childhood education or child development. To make sure you are taking courses that will count towards your degree, be sure to choose Early Childhood Studies as your degree program and Walden University as your destination school.

Choosing Walden University on the Bright Horizons FastTrack platform does not obligate you to continue your studies at Walden University if you choose to continue your coursework after your Education Boost subscription ends. Classes completed through Education Boost may be accepted for transfer credit at more than 2,000 colleges and universities.

How can I be sure the courses I take through Education Boost will count toward a degree through the Horizons program?



If you want the coursework you take with Education Boost to translate to our Horizons Teacher Degree Program, you should attend an informational webinar where we'll offer guidance on choosing the right classes. You will have four opportunities to attend a live session:

- [Monday, May 18 at 12:00 p.m. eastern/9:00 a.m. pacific](#)
- [Monday, May 18 at 2:00 p.m. eastern/11:00 a.m. pacific](#)
- [Tuesday, May 19 at 12:00 p.m. eastern/9:00 a.m. pacific](#)
- [Tuesday, May 19 at 2:00 p.m. eastern/11:00 a.m. pacific](#)

An on-demand version of this webinar will be available shortly after the live presentations.

Which classes should I take?

Different classes are accepted for transfer credit at each Horizons partner school, and not every class is accepted at every school. If you want to continue with a specific school/degree program after taking classes with Education Boost, that decision should guide your choice of classes.

It is strongly recommended that you attend the live webinar (details above) for advice on choosing classes that will translate to the Horizons Teacher Degree Program at the school of your choice. The appendix at the end of this FAQ also shows which classes are accepted for credit toward early childhood degrees at our Horizons partner schools.

What if I want to continue with my degree at a different school?

You are not required to attend or follow through on your degree program with the partner school you initially select. Credits earned through Education Boost can be transferred to a number of colleges and universities nationwide. More than 400 other colleges and universities have accepted Bright Horizons FastTrack courses for credit. You may speak with a Bright Horizons FastTrack Student Support Advisor for more information by calling (888) 970-9422.

How long does it take to complete a course?

Each course is designed for approximately 75 hours of study time. You can take as many courses at a time as you want, but you must complete all coursework within four months of entering the Education Boost program to receive credit. A student success coach can help you decide on the best approach to balance your studies with your other responsibilities.

How will I be graded?

Grading varies by course but typically includes a mixture of exams, quizzes, and essays. It's also common for courses to include a series of ungraded assignments. StraighterLine provides a letter and number grade for each course. Your StraighterLine transcript will reflect the percentage score and corresponding letter grade as set forth below. Please note a grade of at least 70% is required for credit recognition at most partner colleges.



SCORE	GRADE
90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
Below 60	F

Appendix

Horizons Teacher Degree Program – Transferrable Classes

If you plan to continue toward a degree with the Horizons Teacher Degree Program, you should consider the degree you want to earn and the school you want to earn it from when choosing classes to take with Education Boost. Not every class available through Education Boost is accepted for transfer credit towards every degree program covered by Horizons.

The Education Boost general education classes that count towards each degree program available through the Horizons Teacher Degree Program are listed below:

Ashford University – AA in Early Childhood Education

- Introduction to Sociology
- American Government

Ashford University – BA in Early Childhood Education

- Introduction to Sociology
- American Government
- Introduction to Biology
- Introduction to Psychology

Ashford University – BA in Early Childhood Administration

- Introduction to Sociology
- American Government
- Introduction to Biology
- Introduction to Psychology



- Western Civilization I

Northampton Community College – AA in Early Childhood Education

- Introduction to Sociology
- Introduction to Biology
- US History I
- College Algebra

Rasmussen College – BA in Child Development

- US History I
- Introduction to Religion

Rasmussen College – BA in Early Childhood Education Leadership

- US History I
- Introduction to Religion

Walden University – BA in Early Childhood Studies

- Introduction to Sociology
- Introduction to Biology
- Introduction to Psychology
- US History I
- College Algebra
- Introduction to Communication