



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TRANSFER ARTICULATION

**SOUTH ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AND
ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY-JONESBORO**

**Associate of Applied Science in Paramedic
Technical Certificate in Paramedic
and
Bachelor of Science in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management**

This Memorandum of Understanding (“Agreement”), entered into on 14 of November, 2018, (“Effective Date”) by and between Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (hereinafter, “ASUJ”), located at 2105 Aggie Road, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401, and South Arkansas Community College (hereinafter “SOUTHARK”), located at 300 South West Avenue, El Dorado, Arkansas 71730.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate the transfer and degree completion of students earning the Associate of Applied Science or Technical Certificate in Paramedic at SOUTHARK to the Bachelor of Science in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management. Through collaborative efforts, ASUJ and SOUTHARK will provide clarity regarding the degree requirements herein, and afford students the opportunity to earn a high-quality degree from both institutions in the most efficient manner possible.

AGREEMENT

It is agreed that any student who has earned the Associate of Applied Science or Technical Certificate in Paramedic at SOUTHARK will be admitted to the Bachelor of Science in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management at ASUJ in either the on-campus or online program, subject to the provisions listed below.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A. The student must complete the requirements necessary for general admission to ASUJ as well as specific admission to the ASUJ Bachelor of Science in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management program.
- B. The student will have completed one of the following programs at SOUTHARK.
 - a. Associate of Applied Science in Paramedic
 - b. Technical Certificate in Paramedic
- C. Degree program admission requirements for students who transfer pursuant to this Agreement will be determined in the same manner as if their initial enrollment had been at ASUJ.



TRANSFER OF CREDITS

- A. Course requirements for this Agreement are displayed on the following attachments (see Appendix A). Students who have earned the Associate of Applied Science or Technical Certificate in Paramedic will be awarded 37 Technical Block hours which include the Lower-Level DPEM-prefix and Lower-Level Emphasis Area courses of the Bachelor of Science in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management at ASUJ.
- B. A transfer student who has not completed all of the courses specified within the Associate of Applied Science or Technical Certificate in Paramedic degree plan at SOUTHARK, before entering ASUJ, must work with an academic advisor to ensure timely completion of degree program requirements.
- C. Current and updated copies of catalogs/curricular requirements for the ASUJ Bachelor of Science in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management program will be available to SOUTHARK online. Catalogs/Curricular requirements are available for both the on-campus and online programs.
- D. Remedial course grades will not be computed in the cumulative GPA for purposes of admission to ASUJ.

IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW

- A. The Chief Academic Officers at each institution will implement the terms of this Agreement, including incorporation of any mutually agreed upon changes into subsequent revisions of this Agreement, assuring compliance with system policy, procedure and guidelines.
- B. This Agreement will be reviewed on an annual basis. Both ASUJ and SOUTHARK agree to notify one another in a timely manner of any curriculum changes that would significantly impact the nature of this Agreement.
- C. ASUJ and SOUTHARK will work together cooperatively, in the best interest of affected students, to resolve any issues related to the transfer of courses should changes to either degree program occur while the Agreement is in effect.
- D. Students will be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in accordance with their academic year of entry at SOUTHARK. A student may opt for a subsequent revision of this Agreement, but must meet all of the requirements specified therein.
- E. ASUJ and SOUTHARK will make every effort to inform students of this Agreement. This may include, but is not limited to, inclusion within each institution's website, published catalog, recruitment publications, media announcements, social media engagement, and in-person information sessions.

MISCELLANEOUS

- A. This Agreement is effective upon execution and shall remain in effect even if persons, positions, and/or titles change.
- B. This Agreement may be terminated by either party with at least 90 calendar days written notice.
- C. In the event that the Agreement is terminated, no new students will be admitted to the program; however, all students who have already been admitted to ASUJ, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, will be allowed to complete their approved course of study under the terms contained therein.
- D. This agreement shall become effective at the time that the Arkansas Department of Higher Education has been notified and approval has been granted.



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Date

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President
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Date



Appendix A:

ASU- Jonesboro Courses

The following are courses that SOUTHARK students who have completed the A.A.S. in Paramedic must take to complete ASU's Bachelor of Science in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management

SOUTHARK	ASUJ
General Education – 15 Hours (Approx)	General Education – 20 Hours (Approx)
Technical Block – 37 Hours	Major Requirements – 30 Hours
	DPEM 3503 Principles of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management
	DPEM 3553 Ethical/Legal Considerations
	DPEM 3573 Business Continuity in DPEM
	DPEM 3593 Research Concepts in DPEM
	DPEM 4513 Physical Care of CBRNE Injuries
	DPEM 4523 Risk Identification
	DPEM 4533 Disaster and Mental Health
	DPEM 4553 Capstone
	DPEM 4563 Non-Governmental Agencies & DPEM
	DPEM 4713 Advanced Information Officer
	Emphasis Area – 15 Hours*
	Select courses with one area of emphasis (Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management, Law Enforcement, Health Care, Administration)

*Must be Upper-Level Hours



ASU- Jonesboro Courses

The following are courses that SOUTHARK students who have completed the T.C. in Paramedic must take to complete ASUJ's Bachelor of Science in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management

SOUTHARK	ASUJ
Technical Block – 37 Hours	General Education – 35 Hours
	Major Requirements – 30 Hours
	DPEM 3503 Principles of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management
	DPEM 3553 Ethical/Legal Considerations
	DPEM 3573 Business Continuity in DPEM
	DPEM 3593 Research Concepts in DPEM
	DPEM 4513 Physical Care of CBRNE Injuries
	DPEM 4523 Risk Identification
	DPEM 4533 Disaster and Mental Health
	DPEM 4553 Capstone
	DPEM 4563 Non-Governmental Agencies & DPEM
	DPEM 4713 Advanced Information Officer
	Emphasis Area – 15 Hours*
	Select courses with one area of emphasis (Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management, Law Enforcement, Health Care, Administration)
	Electives – 3 Hours**

*Must be Upper-Level Hours

**The 3 hours of Electives is to meet the 120-hour requirement, however if the Technical Certificate is 40 hours or greater this will not need to be taken at ASUJ as the excess Technical Certificate hours will suffice.