**Transfer Work (Academic Credit-Based), Advanced Placement (AP), College-Level Examination (CLEP), Credit by Examination (CBE), Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) [Experiential Learning], Credit Awarded via Portfolio (CAP) Policy:**

**Transfer (Academic Credit-Based) Work:**

All academic work (credit-based) a student wishes to transfer into the Paramedic Program must be approved by the program director and college registrar. This includes both general education required coursework and paramedic required coursework.

**Advanced Placement (AP):**

AP course work, as identified through the College Entrance Examination Board, will be accepted for required general education course requirements. The student must have an official transcript submitted to the registrar’s office. Verified earned scores of 3, 4, or 5 may be awarded for college credit for an equivalent course listed in the general catalog. There is no AP credit possible for paramedic-based courses.

**College-Level Examination (CLEP):**

The program allows CLEP testing per the college policy found in the college catalog. This is only for general education required coursework. There is no CLEP credit possible for paramedic-based courses.

**Credit by Examination (CBE):**

The program allows CBE testing per the college policy found in the college catalog. This is only for general education required coursework. There is no CBE credit possible for paramedic-based courses.

**Prior Learning Assessment Experiential Learning (PLA-EL) and Credit Awarded via Portfolio (CAP):**

1. All clinical/field rotation course work completed prior to the semester the related course is taught, must be pre-approved by the Paramedic Program director/faculty. Credit for this work, once performed, is based on the grading criteria for the course in which the clinical/field rotation activity was done. Thus, if the clinical/field rotation course work is not completed at the level by which course credit is earned, the clinical/field rotation course work will not be accepted toward credit in that course. This is only permitted to students currently enrolled in the Paramedic Program.

2. The program abides by the college’s policy (as found in the college catalog) for Prior Learning Assessment – Experiential Learning (PLA-EL) and for Credit Awarded via Portfolio(CAP). There is additional information, and the application form, located at: <https://www.southark.edu/student-services/assistance/get-credit-for-your-experience>. The program will only accept PLA-EL and CAP for general education required coursework. This coursework is reviewed, evaluated, and approved of by the college registrar. The Paramedic Program will not accept any PLA-EL or CAP for any paramedic-based course.

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