Continuing Education

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Purpose
In addition to the traditional academic and occupational education available at South Arkansas Community College (SouthArk), SouthArk offers a variety of classes which earn no college credit but provide job skills and personal enrichment. The non-credit courses, seminars, and workshops are designed to be informative and enjoyable. Courses are offered throughout the week at various times and locations. Courses vary in length from a one-time meeting to a full semester.

The college offers a wide variety of courses, which can be taken for pleasure or to develop new job skills. The courses are informative and relaxed. The instructors are chosen for their special expertise and come from area businesses and industries, the professional community, local government, the college’s faculty, and citizens with expertise.

Special programs on current affairs and cultural activities are a part of the Community Education scope. A program for children, Camp Lotsafun is offered in the summer. Corporate and Community Education endeavors to be a vital part of community life, cooperating with and actively participating in the activities of the Chamber of Commerce and area service clubs and organizations.

Examples of courses and programs include:
The course schedule can be found here Continuing Education

New Courses
Courses are organized on demand. Anyone interested in offerings not scheduled or anyone wanting to be added to the class schedule mailing list may contact the Corporate and Community Education office, (870) 864-7192 or e-mail ce@southark.edu. The schedule of classes is available on SouthArk’s website at www.southark.edu under Continuing Education.

Instructors
Corporate and Community Education instructors, selected for their skills and expertise in a variety of fields, are drawn from area business and industry, government, the college faculty, and the community. Anyone interested in teaching may call (870) 864-7192 or email ce@southark.edu.

Registration
High school graduation or previous college attendance is NOT required to take a non-credit course. For information regarding a course, students may visit the Center for Workforce Development on East Campus, email ce@southark.edu, or call 864-7192. Students are officially registered in a course when they complete registration and pay fees. The college reserves the right to cancel classes due to insufficient enrollment.

Fees
Course fees vary with the length of classes and course content. Fees usually include supplies or textbooks unless otherwise noted.

Refunds
A full refund of fees paid will be made when classes are canceled. Full refunds will also be made to students who cancel three days before the first class meeting. Refunds may be obtained by making a written request to the Office of Corporate and Community Education.

Schedules
Schedules of the Corporate and Community Education courses are prepared three times per year and mailed to interested persons or are available at the Center for Workforce Development. The schedule may
also be printed by clicking on the Continuing Education tab of SouthArk’s website at www.southark.edu. Then click on the appropriate link. The college announces many classes in the local newspaper.

**SOUTH ARKANSAS APPRENTICE PROGRAMS**

The El Dorado Plumbing Apprenticeship School is a four-year program hosted by SouthArk for those seeking a career in Plumbing. The apprenticeship program is sanctioned by the State of Arkansas Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship Training. The program requires both classroom instruction hours (160 contact hours/year) as well as on-the-job training hours (2000/year). The student will receive an apprentice license, issued by the State of Arkansas, while an active participant in this program. Upon completion of the 4-year program the student will be eligible to take the Journeyman Plumbing Exam, administered by the State of Arkansas.

The South Arkansas Electrical Apprenticeship School is a four-year program hosted by SouthArk for those pursuing a career in Electricity. The apprenticeship program is sanctioned by the State of Arkansas Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship training. The program requires both classroom instruction hours (144 contact hours/year) as well as on-the-job training hours (2000/year). The student will receive an apprentice license, issued by the State of Arkansas, while an active participant in this program. Upon completion of the 4-year program the student will be eligible to take the Journeyman Electrician Exam, administered by the State of Arkansas.

**ACADEMIC AND CAREER ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM**

The Academic and Career Achievement Program (ACAP) at South Arkansas Community College is a two-year innovative post-secondary initiative for adults with intellectual disabilities (ID) or developmental disabilities (DD) who desire inclusion in the academic, social, and cultural college experience in a supportive environment. The program serves individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (as defined by Statute 20 U.S.C 1140(2)) who are currently (or were formerly) eligible for a free appropriate public education under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and have completed a high school program.

ACAP is a custom-tailored learning program that offers students a unique post-secondary opportunity to further their formal education and become self-reliant. The conceptual framework for the ACAP depicts four standards as cornerstones of practice: Academic Access, Career Development, Campus inclusion, and Self-Determination.

The ACAP mission is to empower individuals to live, learn, work, and participate in the social fabric of our community. We believe given the opportunity and proper support, individuals can achieve academic success, successful careers, and personal growth.
Adult Basic Education

The Adult Education Program provides adults with the opportunity to improve their basic reading, writing, and math skills. Students may work on basic skills to improve their ACT scores, to take the Official GED Test, to improve their employability skills, to advance their workplace skills, or to gain personal satisfaction. The Adult Education Program follows established laws, rules, and regulations. The program is an open-entry, open-exit program. All incoming students are evaluated and placed in classes to upgrade deficiencies. Instruction is diagnostic, prescriptive, self-paced, and individualized. Students have access to computers and modern curriculum. Small group and individual instruction are available during the day and evening hours at no cost to participants. Classes are provided on campus and at satellite locations.

Programs provided through Adult Education Academic Assessment
The test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) is administered to assess academic needs for placement, instruction, WIA, and other programs. The Arkansas High School Diploma (GED) can be earned by passing a series of general knowledge exams. The tests cover the following subjects: writing skills, social studies, science, literature and the arts, and mathematics. The GED test may be taken at South Arkansas Community College. Students must take a pre-test and present those results with an application to test before taking the state GED test.

English as a Second Language
This class is designed for students who have little or no background in the English language as well as students who have limited use of the English language. Alphabet sounds, simple commonly used verbs, and basic understanding of grammar and basic functional language are emphasized for the beginning students. Intermediate and advanced students learn to speak in various situations and become more comfortable in speaking in different social gatherings. Intermediate and advanced classes focus on clarity of pronunciation, speed-reading, vocabulary building, written essays, and formal speech presentations.

Workplace Education
The Workplace Education Program offers basic academic skills to local businesses. Classes may be taught in local businesses and industries. These classes can be GED or refresher courses, or they can be tailored to the needs of the employer. The Arkansas Workforce Alliance for growth in the Economy (WAGE) Program is designed to address the need to improve the workplace basic skills of the unemployed and under-employed labor pool. The WAGE Program is an industry, education, and community collaborative for workforce development. The program incorporates an alliance among local employer advisory council, adult education services, employment and training agencies, industrial development foundations, and county/city governments to identify and provide training in those literacy skills essential to most entry-level jobs in the community.

Computer Literacy
The Computer literacy course is a 12-20 hour course in basic computer literacy that teaches computer skills and provides hands-on activities for basic users.

Employability
Employability and/or soft skills are taught in the basic skills classes. Focus is on the students’ developing employability skills to help them obtain and keep jobs.

Workforce Alliance for Growth in the Economy (WAGE)
This is a State (Arkansas) Certified program intended for unemployed and the under-employed people in Arkansas. To earn a state WAGE Industrial Certificate, students have to meet several requirements. Students must score 12.9 in each area (Reading, Mathematics, and language) on the test of Adult Basic Education (TABE). There is also a state WAGE test, the WAGE approved Spatial and Mechanical Aptitude test, Dexterity test (SAM), state WAGE Computer literacy test. Students must have an up-to-
date resume in their WAGE file and a current application on file with the Employment Security Department.