

About the College

A Historical Summary

South Arkansas Community College, known locally as SouthArk, is a public, comprehensive community college with an open-door policy, providing educational programs, workforce development, civic and cultural enrichment, and support services to students and residents in its service area. Formed from a merger of Southern Arkansas University, El Dorado Branch (SAU-EB), and Oil Belt Technical College (OBTC), SouthArk was approved by majority vote in Union County in March 1992. Then-Governor Bill Clinton appointed a nine-member Board of Trustees, and all assets and liabilities of Oil Belt and SAU-EB were transferred by June 30, 1992, to SouthArk. The former OBTC became known as the East Campus and SAU-EB the West Campus.

Mission Statement

SouthArk promotes excellence in learning, teaching, and service; provides lifelong educational opportunities; and serves as a cultural, intellectual, and economic resource for the community.

College Vision

South Arkansas Community College will strive to be the leading resource for accessible education, workforce training, partnerships and economic development for our region.

Purposes of the College

- To provide an environment that fosters excellence in learning and teaching.
- To provide a university transfer program of high academic quality for students who plan to continue their education.
- To offer degree and certificate programs to develop or enhance occupational skills that prepare learners for a changing global economy.
- To provide developmental courses to prepare students to do college level work.
- To provide adult education and workforce development.
- To provide comprehensive student services to enhance students' success.
- To promote the civic and cultural life and the economic development of the community.
- To make education accessible through innovative instructional methods.

Values

The college has identified six values statements that serve as guiding principles in fulfilling the Mission Statement.

Excellence in Education

We are committed to providing students access to a highly competent, innovative, and supportive faculty and staff; modern facilities equipped with current technology; and high-quality academic and occupational programs.

Student Learning

We are committed to providing support, respect, and encouragement, thereby enabling students to achieve their educational goals and develop skills for lifelong learning.

Contribution to the Community

We strive to serve the academic, occupational, and enrichment needs of the community; enhance its quality of life; and support economic development in South Arkansas.

Quality of Work Environment

Recognizing that everyone contributes to the learning process, we value each member of our college community; foster respect, trust, and support among faculty, staff, and students; encourage responsible, creative risk-taking and innovation; and recognize and reward exceptional performance and integrity.

Respect for Diversity

Believing that everyone should have an opportunity to learn and succeed, we value intellectual and cultural diversity in the classroom, in the workplace, and in the community.

Commitment to Accountability

We are committed to continuous evaluation of our institution to address the needs of the present and to meet the challenges of the future.

Board of Trustees

A nine-member Board of Trustees governs the college. The governor appoints each member for a six-year term. The college's board members and their terms are shown below.

Mr. Steve Cousins, Chair	12-31-2020
Ms. Veronica Creer, Vice-Chair	12-31-2018
Ms. Patty Cardin, Secretary	12-31-2018
Mr. José Covas.....	12-31-2018
Dr. Kermit Parks	12-31-2020
Ms. Tasha Sinclair	12-31-2020
Mr. Gary Griffis	12-31-2022
Ms. Kerri Brown.....	12-31-2022

SouthArk Foundation, Inc.

The SouthArk Foundation exists to build leadership, scholarship, and partnership by increasing donor support, rewarding excellence, and elevating the stature and importance of the college locally, regionally, and nationally. The Foundation, a private, non-profit corporation organized under a tax exempt 501(c)(3) status, secures funds—above and beyond state and local appropriations—to further enhance the efforts of the college. A listing of scholarships is available online at [SouthArk Foundation](#)

Accreditation and Affiliations

SouthArk is accredited by the [Higher Learning Commission](#) [230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604, info@hlcommission.org, 800-621-7440].

The institution is approved by the Arkansas State Department of Higher Education and the Veterans Approval Agency of the Arkansas Department of Education. The college also holds institutional membership in the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and is a sustaining member of the American Technical Education Association.

Programmatic accreditations and approvals:

- Arkansas State Board of Nursing approves the Registered Nursing and Licensed Practical Nursing programs
- Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Medical Services Office of Long-Term Care approves the Certified Nursing Assistant program.

- Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) accredits the Occupational Therapy Assistant program.
- Physical Therapist Assistant program (PTAP) at SouthArk is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax St., Alexandria, VA 22314, 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org. Website: <http://www.capteonline.org>.
- The Radiologic Technology program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology, 20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 2850, Chicago IL 60606-3182. Fax: 312-704-5304, E-mail: mail@jrcert.org, Web: <http://www.jrcert.org>. Phone 312-704-5300.
- Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (COAEMSP), through the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), accredits the Emergency Medical Technician programs.
- Accreditation Review Committee on Education in Surgical Technology (ARC-ST), through CAAHEP, accredits the Surgical Technology program.
- Medical Laboratory Science, National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS). NAACLS has approved phlebotomy/EKG program.
- Respiratory Therapy Program. Accredited by Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC).
- National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) accredits the Automotive Service Technology program.
- National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) accredits the welding technology program.
- The programs of Automotive Service Technology, Cosmetology, Criminal Justice, Health Science Technology (non-credit) and Welding Technology are jointly approved by the Arkansas Department of Education – Arkansas Department of Career Education. The Cosmetology program is approved by the Arkansas Department of Health/Board of Cosmetology.

Equal Opportunity Statement

SouthArk does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, creed, gender, religion, marital status, veteran's status, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation in making decisions regarding employment, student admission, or other functions, operations, or activities.

The college is in compliance with titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), and all other federal and state laws related to equal opportunity practices.

Those having questions or seeking information regarding the college's compliance with and implementation of the aforementioned regulations should contact:

Equal Opportunity Officer c/o Human Resources
South Arkansas Community College
300 South West Ave.
El Dorado, AR 71730
(870) 862-8131, 1-800-955-2289

Complaints from the Public

Members of the public may meet with college administration informally to discuss a concern or issue, or may file a written complaint, as they deem necessary. The complaint may be against an employee, organization, or student. Complaints or suggestions should be presented informally to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. An appointment can be made by phoning (870) 864-7127 or (870) 864-7155. Notification of a complaint should occur as soon as possible after an incident or within 10 working days.

During the appointment, members of the public can informally express their concerns, provide suggestions, or discuss a complaint. Members of the public are advised that if action on a complaint is called for, it may not be possible to maintain confidentiality. Also, college administrators may be required to take action on a complaint as required by law and for the good of the college.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs may respond to the complaint, refer the complaint to another vice president, or assign an investigator to gather facts and provide them to the correct vice president. The appropriate vice president will contact the complainant to describe action taken within 10 working days or identify a date when an investigation will be completed and a decision made. If the action taken or decision rendered by the Vice President is unacceptable to the member(s) of the public, he/she may file a written appeal to the college president. The appeal should be in letter format describing the complaint or issue and explaining why the action or decision of the vice president should be overturned. The President will render a decision within 10 working days after the written complaint is delivered.

Statement of Compliance

SouthArk endeavors to be in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws in regard to fire, building, sanitation, and safety codes.

Important Telephone Numbers

- All emergencies..... 911
 - SouthArk Campus Security (870) 864-7125
 - OR (800) 955-2289
 - El Dorado Police Department (non-emergency)..... (870) 863-4141
 - El Dorado Fire Department (non-emergency)..... (870) 881-4855
 - EMS Ambulance 911
 - Medical Center of South Arkansas (870) 863-2000
 - Union County Sheriff’s Office (non-emergency)..... (870) 864-1970
- Security phones (red) are located in strategic places on both the West and the East campuses.
Picking up the handset will connect with security.
Blue light emergency telephones located in parking areas will call 911 when activated.

USEFUL CONTACTS AT SOUTHARK

FOR	WHO	WHERE	PHONE
Academic Advising:			
General Studies, Liberal Arts, Performance and Media Arts	Director of Student Advising Coaches	ECC 254	875-7233
Automotive Services Technology, Cosmetology, Criminal Justice, General Technology, Business, Industrial Technology-Mechatronics, Process Technology, and Welding	Student Advising Coach	ECC 254	864-7233
Computer Information Technology	Student Advising Coach	TEC 107	864-8479
Education and Early Childhood Education	Director of Education Program	WHT 237	864-7184
Occupational Therapy Assistant	Program Director	HSC 284	864-7171
All other Health Science Programs	Student Advising Coach	ECC 259	875-7207
AA students with 45+ hours	College and Career Coach/Transfer Advisor	ECC 241	864-8416
Academic Probation	Director of Student Advising Coaches	ECC 255	875-7233
Accommodations: Disability Support Services (DSS)	Student Success Services	ECC 211	875-7235
Adult Education TABE, GED, WAGE, ESL	Director of Adult Education	MCG 105	864-8478
Automotive Service Technology Program	AUTO Instructors	MCG 153	862-8131 Ext. 361
Basic Studies Program Reading and Writing	Coordinator of Basic Studies, Reading and Writing	WHT 114	875-7224
Basic Studies Program Mathematics	Coordinator of Basic Studies, Mathematics	WHT 111	864-8444
Career Pathways Initiative	Career Pathways Director	ECC 253	864-8458
Career and Technical Education	Dean of Career and Technical Education	MCG 109	864-7110
Community Classes, Contract Training	Dean of Workforce Development and Continuing Education	WFD 149	864-7193

FOR	WHO	WHERE	PHONE
Computer Services	Associate Vice President for Administration	TEC 226	864-7154
Counseling	Director of Student Success Services	ECC 211	875-7235
Distance Learning	Director of Distance Learning	TEC 105	875-7252
Drop-Add Courses	Dean of Enrollment Services	ECC 258	864-7142
Early Childhood Education	Director of Education	WHT 237	864-7184
Enrollment Services Office	Dean of Enrollment Services	ECC 258	864-7142
Emergency Medical Technology Program	Director, EMT Program	HSC 372	864-8490
Financial Aid	Director of Financial Aid	ECC 248	864-7133
Graduation Applications	Dean of Enrollment Services	ECC 258	864-7142
Health Sciences	Dean of Health Sciences	HSC 312	864-7102
Health Information Tech.	Dean of Health Sciences	HSC 312	864-7102
Human Resource/Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action	Director of Human Resources	ADM 304B	864-7146
Industrial Technology-Mechatronics	Dean of Career and Technical Education	MCG 109	864-7110
Industry and Business Training	Dean of Workforce Development and Continuing Education	WFD149	864-7193
Institutional Research	Chief Institutional Effectiveness & Advancement Officer	ADM 306C	864-8413
Liberal Arts	Dean of Liberal Arts	WHT 107B	864-7156
Library	Library Director	LIB	864-7115
Music/Piano/Voice Lessons	Program Director	ADM 229C	875-7273
Occupational Therapy Assistant Program	Program Director	HSC 284	864-7171
Parking Decals	Testing and Learning Center (TLC)	ECC 220	864-7196

FOR	WHO	WHERE	PHONE
Parking Issues	Public Safety Director	WHT 125	864-7125
Performance and Media Arts Program	Dean of Liberal Arts	WHT 107B	864-7156
Physical Therapist Assistant Program	Program Director	HSC 250	864-7189
Practical and RN Nursing Programs	Program Director	HSC 206	864-7136
Publicity	Coordinator of Marketing and Communications	ADM 104C	864-7111
Radiologic Technology	Program Director	HSC 178	875-7226
Recruitment	Recruiter	ECC 243	875-7237
Respiratory Therapy	Program Director	HSC 370	875-7286
Retention	Vice President for Student Services	ECC 263	864-7128
Scholarships	Director of Financial Aid	ECC 248	864-7133
Secondary Technical Center	Dean of Career and Technical Education	MCG 109	864-7110
Security/Emergencies	Director of Public Safety	WHT 125	864-7125
SouthArk Off-Campus Programs	Vice President for Academic Affairs	ADM 102B	864-7155
Student Activities and Organizations	Student Activities Specialist	ECC 243	864-8141
Student ID Cards	Testing and Learning Center (TLC)	ECC 220	864-7196
Student Schedules	Dean of Enrollment Services	ECC 258	864-7142
Surgical Technology	Program Director	HSC 308	875-7283
Teacher Education Program	Director of Education	WHT 237	864-7184
Testing	Testing and Learning Center (TLC)	ECC 220	864-7196
Textbooks	Bookstore Manager	ECC 112	864-7163

FOR	WHO	WHERE	PHONE
Title IX Inquiries	Title IX Coordinator	ECC 211	875-7235
Transcripts	Admissions Assistant	ECC 240	875-7243
Tuition and Fee Information	Business Office	ADM 302C	864-7463
Tuition and Fee Payments	Bookstore	ECC 112	864-7163
Tutoring	Testing and Learning Center (TLC)	ECC 220	864-7196
Veterans' Affairs	Director of Financial Aid	ECC 248	864-7133
Welding Technology Program	Welding Instructor	WEL 107	862-8131 Ext. 337
Withdrawal from Class	Enrollment Services Office	ECC 256	875-7244
Workforce Development	Dean of Workforce Development and Continuing Education	WFD 149	864-7193
Work Study Program	Financial Aid Analyst	ECC 250	875-7238

ROOM SCHEDULING

FOR	WHO	WHERE	PHONE
Administration Building Board Room, Whitfield Atrium	Executive Assistant to the President, and Administrative Analyst, Office of the President	ADM 306A ADM 306	864-7107 864-8433
Library Auditorium, Gymnasium, Arboretum	Manager/Marketing Director of the El Dorado Conference Center, or Administrative Assistant	ECC 201 ECC 201	864-8448 864-8447
Classrooms (W): Administration Building (ADM) 202, 206; Whitfield Building; Computer Technology Building (TEC)	Administrative Specialist, Liberal Arts	WHT 107A	864-8475
Conference Room, Health Science Center	Administrative Specialist, Health Sciences	HSC 306	864-8424
Conference Room VPAA Office	Assistant to Vice President for Academic Affairs	ADM 102A	864-7127
ECC Green Conference Room, ECC Red Conference Room	Administrative Specialist to Vice President of Student Services	ECC 262	875-7262
McGehee, Industrial/ Technology, and Welding Buildings, Classrooms/ Conference Rooms (E)	Administrative Specialist, Career & Technical Education	MCG 108	864-7188
SouthArk Center for Workforce Development	Dean of Workforce Development and Continuing Education	WFD 149	864-7193

BUILDING DESIGNATION CODES	
<p>West Campus</p> <p>ADM = Administrative Building</p> <p>ECC = El Dorado Conference Center</p> <p>HSC = Health Science Center</p> <p>LIB = Library</p> <p>TEC = Computer Technology Building</p>	<p>East Campus</p> <p>MCG = Billy McGehee Classroom Bldg.</p> <p>WEL = Welding Building</p> <p>WFD = Workforce Development Building</p>

ACADEMIC CALENDAR – 2017-2018

FALL SEMESTER 2017

- Aug TBD..... New Student Orientation
- Aug 16..... Faculty In-Service – administrative offices closed until 12:00 p.m.
- Aug 17..... In-Service – Division, Department, & Committee meetings
- Aug 18..... Advising and registration
- Aug 21..... Classes begin
- Aug 22..... Last day of late registration or to add a class without instructor permission
- Sept 4 Labor Day Holiday, college closed
- Sept 7 Last day to change to audit status
- Oct 11..... Last day to apply for December graduation
- Nov 15..... Last day to withdraw from a course with a grade of “W”
- Nov 22..... No Classes
- Nov 23-24 Thanksgiving Holiday – College closed
- Nov 30..... Last day of classes
- Dec 4-7..... Final exams
- Dec 8 Semester ends – Grades due electronically at 10:00 a.m.
- Dec 11-14..... Assessment days
- Dec 14 Commencement (Thursday)

SPRING SEMESTER 2018

- Jan TBD New Student Orientation
- Jan 8 Faculty In-Service – administrative offices closed until 12:00 p.m.
- Jan 9 Advising and registration; Division & Department Meetings
- Jan 10 Classes begin
- Jan 12 Last day of late registration or to add a class without instructor permission
- Jan 15 Martin Luther King Holiday, college closed
- Jan 30 Last day to change to audit status
- Mar 8..... Last day to apply for Spring Graduation
- Mar 19-23..... Spring Break, no classes
- Mar 23..... Spring Break, college closed
- Apr 16 Last day to withdraw from a course with a grade of “W”
- Apr 26 Last day of classes
- Apr 30-May 3.... Final exams
- May 4 Semester ends – Grades due electronically at 10:00 a.m.
- May 7-10..... Assessment days
- May 11 Commencement

SUMMER 2018 FIRST TERM

- May 28 Memorial Day Holiday, college closed
- May 29 Classes begin
- June 1 Last day of late registration or to add a class without instructor permission
- June 6 Last day to change to audit status
- June 25 Last day to withdraw from a class with a grade of “W”
- June 26 Final exams – Semester ends - Grades due electronically at 5:00 p.m.

SUMMER 2018 SECOND TERM

- June 27-29 Advising and registration
- July 2 Classes Begin
- July 3 Last day of late registration or to add a class without instructor permission
- July 4 Independence Day Holiday, college closed (Wednesday)
- July 10 Last day to change to audit status
- July 31 Last day to withdraw from a class with a grade of “W”
- August 1 Final exams – Semester ends. Grades due electronically at 5:00 p.m.

SUMMER 2018 LONG SUMMER

- May 28 Memorial Day Holiday, college closed
- May 29 Classes begin
- June 1 Last day of late registration or to add a class without instructor permission
- June 6 Last day to change to audit status
- July 4 Independence Day Holiday, college closed (Wednesday)
- July 31 Last day to withdraw from a class with a grade of “W”
- August 1 Final exams – Semester ends – Grades due electronically at 5:00 p.m.

Note: SouthArk reserves the right to adjust the calendar in the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances.