

# 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](mailto:ce@southark.edu). The schedule of classes is available on SouthArk's website at [www.southark.edu](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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. Some courses require a supply and /or textbook fee in addition to the course fee.

### **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 are available for review on the Continuing Education calendar [www.southark.edu/continuingeducation](http://www.southark.edu/continuingeducation).

**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.