

## Tuition and Fees

Students will be charged per semester hour according to the schedule below for all credit hours. South Arkansas Community College has three tuition rates: 1) in-district for students who are residents of Union County, 2) out-of-district for students who are Arkansas residents but not residents of Union County, and 3) out-of-state for residents of other states. (See Residency Requirements) The following schedule of tuition rates for the 2016-2017 academic year has been approved by the South Arkansas Community College Board of Trustees:

### Tuition

#### Per Credit Hour

In-District .....	\$83
Out-of-District .....	\$96
Out-of-State .....	\$172

### Fees Required for All Students

Academic Support Fee .....	\$30 per student, per semester
Technology Fee .....	\$10/credit hour
Activity Fee .....	\$1/credit hour
Support Fee .....	\$4/credit hour
Security Fee .....	\$5/credit hour
Academic Enhancement Fee	\$4/credit hour

### Course Related Fees and Other Charges

Campus Technology course fee .....	\$15
CDA Assessment .....	\$425
Challenge Test .....	(per test \$7, plus \$12 per credit hour)
COMPASS Test .....	\$10
Golf .....	\$45
ID Card Replacement.....	\$8
Laboratory and Specific Course Fees .....	Check "Fee" column on Course Schedule*
Music (private lesson).....	\$100 per credit hour
Online Courses.....	\$28 per credit hour
SAS Critical Thinking Test.....	\$32
TEAS Test (Health Admission Test) .....	\$55
Test Proctoring Fee .....	\$15 per test
Transcript .....	Free

### Health Sciences Fees

Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic	
AR Practical Exam.....	\$50
NREMT Practical Exam .....	\$150
Health Science Simulation Lab Fee.....	\$140*
Occupational Therapy Assistant	
Professional Program fee .....	\$150 per semester
Liability and Accident Insurance .....	\$36
AOTA .....	\$75
NBCOT .....	\$200
Health Science Simulation Lab Fee.....	\$140*

**Physical Therapist Assistant**

Professional Program fee .....	\$150 per semester
Liability and Accident Insurance .....	\$36
Travel .....	\$75 Fall / \$75 Spring semester
Testing .....	\$245

**Practical Nursing**

Professional Program fee .....	\$150 per semester
Liability and Accident Insurance .....	\$36
Travel .....	\$25 per semester
ATI Exam (Days/Warren).....	\$176 per semester
ATI Exam (Evenings).....	\$132 per semester
ATI Retake Exam .....	\$60
Drug Screen .....	\$35
Health Science Simulation Lab Fee.....	\$140*

**Radiologic Technology**

Professional Program fee .....	\$150 per semester
Liability and Accident Insurance .....	\$36
Travel .....	\$75 Fall / \$75 Spring semester
Testing .....	\$200

**Registered Nursing**

Professional Program Fee .....	\$240 per semester
Liability and Accident Insurance .....	\$36
Travel .....	\$80 per semester
ATI Exam .....	\$220 per semester
Drug Screen .....	\$35
Supply (per course).....	\$60 per semester
Health Science Simulation Lab Fee.....	\$140*

**Respiratory Therapy**

Professional Program fee .....	\$150 per semester
Liability and Accident Insurance .....	\$36
Travel .....	\$50 per semester
Assessment Test.....	\$130
Health Science Simulation Lab Fee.....	\$140*

**Surgical Technology**

Professional Program fee .....	\$150 per semester
Liability and Accident Insurance .....	\$36
Travel .....	\$50 Fall / \$100 Spring semester
CST Practice Exam.....	\$40
Drug Screen .....	\$35
Gold Bundle Package.....	\$247
Insolex Clinical Externship.....	\$75

**\*Course Usage/Lab and Supply Fee** (the amount varies per course) \$5-\$140 per course  
Usage/Lab and Supply Fees may be charged for specific classes. See the current Course Schedule for a list of Usage/Lab and Supply Fees.

**Pass-Through Fees**

Pass-Through fees may be increased or changed at any time. Pass-Through fees are defined as fees collected by the College from the student to pay for specific expenditures associated with program testing and background checks required by external third-party entities such as accrediting agencies or clinical/practicum sites. Vendors periodically increase their costs and this cost is passed on to the student.

**Payment of Tuition and Fees**

All fees must be paid or satisfactory arrangements for payment must be made before a student attends class. All financial obligations must be settled before graduating, reenrolling, or requesting a transcript. Library privileges may also be suspended if financial obligations are not met (See the semester schedule for more information).

**Tuition Payment Plan**

A monthly tuition payment plan is offered through SouthArk by Nelnet (FACTS) Business Solutions. Enrolling for the FACTS monthly payment plan requires a \$25 nonrefundable enrollment fee and a down payment on the student's account at the time of enrollment. The enrollment fee and down payment will be drafted immediately from either a checking account or credit card. Payments are electronically processed on the 20th of each month throughout the student's payment agreement. Students can register for this option by logging on to [www.southark.edu](http://www.southark.edu) through MyCampus and follow the easy online directions.

**Residency Requirements**

The following policy shall be used in determining the residency classification of students. Students shall be classified as in-district, out-of-district, or out-of-state based upon their bona fide domicile. Domicile means the legal home and place of permanent living of students for all purposes, and the intention to make the domicile the permanent home must have been manifested by good faith acts. Mere physical presence alone is not sufficient evidence of domicile. The domicile is the legal residence of an individual.

The domicile and legal residence of a minor student is the same as that of:

1. The parents or surviving parent; or
2. The parent to whom custody of the minor has been awarded; or
3. The parent with whom the minor in fact makes his/her home, if there has been a separation of parents without judicial award of custody; or
4. An adoptive parent, where there has been a legal adoption, even though either or both of the natural parents are living.

A minor emancipated by the law of his/her domicile or on reaching the legal age of majority has the power which any adult has to acquire a different domicile and a different place of residing; however, his/her prior domicile or origin continues until he/she clearly establishes a new one. Marriage constitutes emancipation of minors, both male and female. For either an adult or an emancipated minor to acquire a new domicile, he/she must have permanently left his/her parental home, must have established a legal home (domicile) of permanent character other than for attendance in school, must have resided for six continuous months as a domiciliary, and must have no present definite intent of removing there from as of a certain time.

The domicile of a person is the same as that of his/her spouse as long as they live together. An out-of-state person becomes eligible for in-state or in-district tuition status for college fee purposes following marriage at such time when the spouse is, or has been, domiciled in Arkansas for six continuous months.

A student who knowingly gives erroneous information in an attempt to evade payment of out-of-district or out-of-state fees shall be subject to dismissal or other disciplinary action.

**Out-of-State Tuition Waiver**

Arkansas income taxpayers and their dependents who reside in a county or parish recognized by the Department of Higher Education for reimbursement may enroll at South Arkansas Community College and receive an out-of-state tuition waiver. To receive the out-of-district rate, students must provide the following:

5. Proof of residence in an eligible county or parish, and
6. Documentation (W-2 form or copy of Arkansas income tax form as filed) of receipt of wages from an Arkansas employer of a minimum of \$5,500 in the tax year preceding enrollment, or Official verification from an Arkansas employer of current employment at a minimum current salary of \$5,500 or
7. Documentation that the student is a dependent of a nonresident Arkansas income taxpayer who provides documentation satisfying the conditions of paragraphs (1) and either (2) or (3) above.

The institution must keep the above documentation on file in the institution for enrollment audit purposes. Residents of Union, Claiborne, Morehouse or Webster Parish, Louisiana, who are not eligible for the Arkansas Wage Earner out-of-state tuition waiver according to the above guidelines, will be granted a waiver equal to the difference between out-of-state and out-of-district tuition rates.

## **REFUND OF TUITION AND FEES**

### **Institutional Refund Policy**

Students desiring to withdraw from class should refer to the withdrawal section of the catalog or the master schedule. Upon the student’s official withdrawal from class, the college will refund tuition and qualifying fees according to the following schedules:

<b>Regular Semester (16-Week Term)</b>	<b>Tuition</b>	<b>Fees</b>
Classes in session 1-5 class days.....	100%	100%
Classes in session 6-10 class days.....	50%	0%
Classes in session 11 class days.....	0%	0%

<b>Long Summer (10-Week Term)</b>	<b>Tuition</b>	<b>Fees</b>
Classes in session 1-2 class days.....	100%	100%
Classes in session 3-4 class days.....	50%	0%
Classes in session 5 class day .....	0%	0%

<b>First and Second Summer (Five-Week Term)</b>	<b>Tuition</b>	<b>Fees</b>
Classes in session 1-2 class days.....	100%	100%
Classes in session 3-4 class days.....	50%	0%
Classes in session 5 class days .....	0%	0%

<b>Irregular Terms (mini-mesters)</b>	<b>Tuition</b>	<b>Fees</b>
Classes in session 1-3 class days.....	100%	100%
Classes in session 4-6 class days.....	50%	0%
Classes in session 7 class days.....	0%	0%

Administrative cancellation of a class will result in a 100% refund of tuition and fees for the class. The enrollment period for tuition purposes shall be defined as the first day of regularly scheduled classes until the last day of class or final examinations, excluding holidays. Refunds are calculated only on hours that reduce the student’s credit load below full-time, maximum-tuition status. Refunds are calculated based on the above refund tables regardless of non-attendance.

### **Tuition and Fee Payments**

Tuition and fees are due by the deadline established for early registration or on the day of registration for regular or late registration. These deadlines are established to promote an orderly and efficient registration and ensure compliance with the Arkansas Department of Higher Education student census requirements.

Students who do not meet the set payment arrangement deadlines for early and/or regular registration will be dropped from the current class schedule at the end of the business day.

Non-payment of any outstanding balance by the stated deadline will result in a financial hold on the account. All financial obligations must be settled before graduating, reenrolling, or requesting an official transcript. Library privileges may also be suspended. If a student fails to meet his/her financial obligation the college, any delinquent funds may be referred for collections or may be referred to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State as outlined in the State Accounting Procedures Manual.

In extreme situations, the Chief Fiscal Officer is authorized to make exceptions to these rules, within the parameters of all applicable laws and regulations.

### **Allocation of Refunds and Overpayments**

If a student who received Title IV Assistance (other than assistance under the Federal Work Study Program) is owed a refund or if a student who received Title IV Assistance (other than assistance under the Federal Work Study, Federal Direct Loan, Federal PLUS, Federal SLS, Federal Direct Stafford, or Federal Direct PLUS Programs) must repay an overpayment, the institution shall allocate that refund and any overpayment collected from the student in the following order:

- Unsubsidized Federal Direct Loan
- Subsidized Federal Direct Loan
- Federal PLUS Loan
- Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan
- Subsidized Federal Stafford Loan
- Federal Direct PLUS Loan
- Federal Perkins Loan
- Federal Pell Grants
- Federal SEOG
- Other assistance awarded under programs authorized by Title IV
- Federal, State, private, or institutional assistance to the student