

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTH ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY



BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (2+2 DEGREE PLAN)

PURPOSE

This Articulation Agreement complements the existing **Memorandum of Understanding** (**MOU**) between South Arkansas Community College (SouthArk) and Southern Arkansas University (SAU) dated Spring 2010. It fulfills the following goals of the MOU:

- Improves the transfer and advising process for the benefit of students.
- Develops an Expanded Course Articulation (Transfer) guide.
- Improves collegiality and communication among college and university discipline faculty and administrators, and
- facilitates the admission of SouthArk students who have completed all coursework and fulfill other admission requirements as indicated on the attached semester-by-semester degree plan into the Bachelor of Social Work program at SAU (2+2).

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TERMS OF AGREEMENT

Transfer Courses:

SAU shall accept all courses as outlined on the attached degree plan at SouthArk as transferable into the Bachelor of Social Work.

2+2 Degree Plan:

The attached **Bachelor of Social Work 2+2 Degree Plan** shall apply to all students who transfer from SouthArk to SAU under this agreement.

Recruitment Strategies:

Students shall be recruited from SouthArk. SouthArk and SAU faculty shall actively recruit and promote new students. Recruiting activities shall include informational seminars presented on both campuses.

Admission Requirements:

Admission requirements are outlined on the semester-by-semester degree plan. They are the same as for students in the Social Work program at SAU.

Graduation Requirements:

Graduation requirements are the same as the requirements for graduation at each institution. In general, SAU requires **approximately** 60 hours of credit in addition to the hours of credit taken at SouthArk according to the attached degree plan.

Distance Technology Instruction/Online Academic Support

The program may utilize web-based or other electronic delivery methods as well as face-to-face instruction. Support is available both locally through the program coordinator and via distance from the ITS support faculty and staff on the SAU campus. If a course is offered via compressed video and proctoring/lab assistant services are required, SAU will pay for this service at a rate of \$10.00 per hour.

Library

Students and faculty working in the SouthArk Community College/SAU program have access to all of the SAU campus library resources. Access to SAU library resources is summarized and facilitated through the SAU Library's distance learning Web pages.

Cost

Per institution/agency

There are no new costs other than salaries for professors. Adjunct faculties in the program are paid at the prevailing rate per three credit hour course as set by the University's policy. *Tuition and fees*

Tuition and fees are charged according to the prevailing rates as published by the University. Funds collection/distribution – Tuition and fees are collected through the SAU business office via distance or in person.

Line fee charges for the support of the distance technology are the responsibility of SAU.

REVIEW/RENEWAL:

This Articulation Agreement shall be reviewed bi-annually.

Period:

The first review period shall be Fall 2018.

Modifications:

If the agreement needs modification, notice must be given by either institution one semester in advance of the anticipated changes.

Review:

The respective programs/departments of both institutions shall review the agreement at least once every academic year.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This agreement goes into effect in the Fall Semester 2016.

TERMINATION:

This agreement may be terminated by either institution subject to review.

Executed by the undersigned representatives of the two institutions on July 6, 2016

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