

**Memorandum of Understanding  
Between  
University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM)  
and  
South Arkansas Community College**

**Institutional/Agency Partners**

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**Objectives of Partnership**

The University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM) and South Arkansas Community College (SouthArk) agree to partner to deliver the Bachelor of Arts P-4 Early Childhood Education degree to the El Dorado campus of South Arkansas Community College. The B.A. P-4 Early Childhood Education degree results in teacher candidates being licensed in P-4 early childhood education. The B.A. P-4 Early Childhood Education degree will be delivered to SouthArk students as a 2+2 program, with students completing their Associate Degree (typically first two years of coursework) at SouthArk and then transitioning to the UAM four-year degree program for junior and senior level coursework. The UAM courses will be delivered to SouthArk students in their junior and senior years through a combination of the following delivery methods: 1) compressed interactive video; 2) online web-based; and 3) classes conducted on the UAM campus. The SouthArk students will matriculate through the program as a cohort. (See all attachments)

***Note: P-4 Early Childhood Education program modifications may be made based upon Arkansas Department of Education (ADE), Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE), National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM), or National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) standard requirements for program approval. In such cases, students may be required to move to a more recent program of study.***

**Terms of Agreement:**

The School of Education at UAM will:

1. deliver a sufficient number of courses to the SouthArk campuses to allow SouthArk students holding an Associate of Arts in Teaching degree or the equivalent to complete the B.A. P-4 Early Childhood Education;
2. provide qualified faculty to deliver courses via on-line, CIV, and face-to-face instruction on the UAM campus to SouthArk students holding an Associate of Arts in Teaching degree or the equivalent to complete the B.A. P-4 Early Childhood Education (see *P-4 Program Delivery*);
3. develop and facilitate the distribution of registration materials for recruitment to SouthArk prior to the beginning of the spring semester;
4. provide academic advising to SouthArk students enrolled in the program and identify courses that will substitute in the transfer process and provide a printed program of study;
5. facilitate an orientation meeting with students admitted to the 2+2 program prior to the beginning of the first semester of the program;
6. inform SouthArk by March 1 of each year if a new cohort of students will be admitted for the following fall semester;
7. designate a person to serve as a point of contact concerning programmatic issues;
8. designate a person to serve as a point of contact for technical and student support issues related to courses delivered via the Internet or compressed video.

SouthArk will:

1. guarantee a minimum enrollment of ten students, and assist students in course selection to ensure that courses taken at SouthArk meet the general education requirements needed for prospective teachers as identified by the School of Education at the University of Arkansas at Monticello (see attached *Equivalency Chart*);
2. advise their Associate of Arts in Teaching degree graduates of the opportunity to enroll in the UAM P-4 Early Childhood Education degree program;
3. assist in the scheduling, advertisement, and delivery of informational/orientation meetings;
4. make compressed video classroom space available at SouthArk El Dorado campus for the delivery of four (4) UAM courses per semester and one (1) UAM course per summer term or intercession term;
5. designate a person to serve as a point of contact concerning programmatic issues;

- designate a person to serve as point of contact concerning technical and student support issues related to courses delivered via the Internet or compressed video.

Provisos:

- To be accepted into the program, students must meet all the requirements for admission to the University of Arkansas at Monticello (see *UAM Application for Admission*).
- To be accepted into the program, students must meet all the requirements for admission to the 2+2 program (see *2+2 P-4 Early Childhood Education Application for Admission*).
- To continue in the cohort, students must meet all of the UAM program requirements for the previous semester.
- Students seeking financial aid will follow procedures for application for financial aid through the Office of Financial Aid at UAM.
- Communication between the two institutions will be consistently maintained throughout the period of this agreement. The UAM Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the SouthArk Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Services, the UAM Dean of Education, the UAM 2+2 Partnership Coordinator, and the SouthArk Dean of Arts and Sciences will serve as a standing committee to facilitate collaboration.
- Points of contact between the two institutions concerning programmatic issues will be the Dean of the School of Education and SouthArk Dean of Arts and Sciences.
- Points of contact between the two institutions related to the delivery of distance education courses will be the Partnership Coordinator and SouthArk Distance Learning Coordinator.

**Costs**

**Undergraduate Tuition and Required Fees/ Arkansas Resident 2008-2009 Academic Year**

Type	Cost per Hour	*Per Semester/Term
Tuition .....	\$114.00/hour .....	\$1,710.00
Technology Infrastructure Fee .....	\$6.00/hour .....	\$90.00
Activity Fee .....	\$4.00/hour .....	\$60.00
Instructional Equipment Fee .....	\$6.00/hour .....	\$90.00
Athletic Fee .....	\$10.00/hour .....	\$150.00
Facilities Fee .....	\$10.00/hour .....	\$150.00
Library Enhancement Fee .....	\$3.00/hour .....	\$45.00
Assessment Fee.....		\$5.00/\$2.50

\*Based on 15 hours

\*Tuition and required fees are subject to change each academic year.

**Memorandum of Understanding Review/Renewal**

The Memorandum of Understanding will be reviewed and renewed each year by June 30 for the following spring semester.

**Effective Date of Agreement**

July 2008

**Termination Date of Agreement**

May 2009

Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding will be renewed each year for new cohort.

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**Signature Page**

**June 30, 2008**

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University of Arkansas-Monticello

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South Arkansas Community College

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University of Arkansas-Monticello

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