



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR ARTICULATION OF STUDENTS
SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY TECH
AND
SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY**

**Associate of Science in Education
to
Bachelor of Science in Middle School Education**

This Memorandum of Understanding ("Agreement"), entered into on this 12th day of September, 2024, ("Effective Date") by and between **SAU Tech** located at 6415 Spellman Road, East Camden, Arkansas 71701 and **Southern Arkansas University** (hereinafter, "SAU"), located 100 East University, Magnolia, Arkansas 71753.

PURPOSE

This Agreement aims to facilitate the transfer and degree completion of students earning the Associate of Science in Education at SAU Tech to the Bachelor of Science in Middle School Education at SAU. Through collaborative efforts, SAU Tech and SAU desire to clarify the degree requirements herein, allowing students to earn a high-quality degree from both institutions in the most efficient manner possible.

AGREEMENT

It is agreed that any student who has earned the Associate of Science in Education at SAU Tech will be admitted to the Bachelor of Science in Middle School Education at SAU with full junior classification, subject to the provisions listed below.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A. The candidate must complete the requirements necessary for general admission to SAU, as well as specific admission to the SAU Teacher Education program (Appendix B).
- B. The candidate will have earned the Associate of Science in Education at SAU Tech on or after the Effective Date of this Agreement.
- C. The candidate must meet the required basic skills in reading, writing, and math (see Appendix B).
- D. The candidate must complete Intro to Education with a C or better.
- E. Degree program admission requirements for students who transfer pursuant to this Agreement will be determined in the same manner as if their initial enrollment had been at SAU.

TRANSFER OF CREDITS

- A. Course requirements for this Agreement are displayed in Appendix A. This includes a 2+2 Degree Plan Checklist for the SAU Tech Associate of Science in Education to SAU Bachelor of Science in Education K - 6.

- B. A transfer student who has not completed all of the courses specified within the Associate of Science in Education degree plan at SAU Tech must work with an academic advisor to ensure timely completion of degree program requirements.
- C. Remedial course grades will not be computed in the cumulative GPA for admission to SAU.
- D. Calculation of overall GPA for graduation and awarding of honors is left to the discretion of SAU.

IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW

- A. The Chief Academic Officers at each institution will implement this Agreement's terms, including incorporating any mutually agreed upon changes into subsequent revisions of this Agreement, assuring compliance with system policy, procedure, and guidelines.
- B. This Agreement will be reviewed annually; both SAU Tech and SAU agree to promptly notify one another of any curriculum changes that would significantly impact the nature of this Agreement.
- C. SAU Tech and SAU will work together cooperatively, in the best interest of the candidate, to resolve any issues related to the transfer of courses should changes to either degree program occur while the Agreement is in effect.
- D. Candidates will be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in accordance with their academic year of entry at SAU Tech. A candidate may opt for a subsequent revision of this Agreement but must meet all the specified requirements.
- E. SAU Tech and SAU will make every effort to inform candidates of this Agreement. This may include but is not limited to inclusion within each institution’s website, university catalog, recruitment publications, media announcements, social media engagement, and in-person information sessions.

MISCELLANEOUS

- A. This Agreement is effective upon execution and shall remain in effect even if persons, positions, and/or titles change.
- B. This Agreement may be terminated by either party with at least 90 calendar days' written notice.
- C. In the event that the Agreement is terminated, all candidates who have already been admitted to SAU, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, will be allowed to complete their approved course of study under the terms contained therein.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto cause this Agreement to be executed:

SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY

SAU Tech

C. Neelie Dobbins 11/5/2024

Jodi Pappinetta

11/12/24

Chair, Teacher Education

Date

Assoc. Vice Chancellor of Instruction Date

Appendix A: 2+2 Degree Plan Checklist
SAU TECH - ASE Middle School Education
Southern Arkansas University - Bachelor of Science in Middle School Education

SAU Tech Courses

General Education Requirements (60 credit hours)

Student Success (3 hours)			SAU	Hours	Grade
GSTD	1043	Rocket Awareness	GSTD 1002	2	

English/Communication (6 credit hours)			SAU	Hours	Grade
ENGL	1113	Composition I	ENGL 1113	3	
ENGL	1123	Composition II	ENGL 1123	3	

Mathematics (3 credit hours)			SAU	Hours	Grade
<i>Choose three (3) hours from these courses:</i>					
MATH	1023	College Algebra	MATH 1023	3	
MATH	1063	Math Reasoning	MATH 1053		

Life/Physical Sciences (8 credit hours)			SAU	Hours	Grade
BIOL	1004	Biological Science	BIOL 1043/1041	4	
PHSC	1004	Physical Science	PHYS 1133/1131	4	

Fine Arts/Humanities (9 credit hours)			SAU	Hours	Grade
<i>Choose three (3) hours from these courses:</i>					
ENGL	2213	World Literature I <u>OR</u>	ENGL 2213	3	
ENGL	2223	World Literature II	ENGL 2223		
<i>Choose six (6) hours from these courses:</i>					
ART	2013	Art Appreciation	ART 2013	6	
MUS	2013	Music Appreciation	MUS 2013		
PHIL	2403	Intro to Philosophy	PHIL 2403		
THEA	2003	Theatre Appreciation	THEA 2003		

Social Sciences (9 credit hours)			SAU	Hours	Grade
<i>Choose three (3) hours from these courses:</i>					
HIST	1003	World History II <u>OR</u>	HIST 1003	3	
HIST	1013	World History II	HIST 1013		
<i>Choose three (3) hours from these courses:</i>					
HIST	2013	United States History I <u>OR</u>	HIST 2013	3	
HIST	2023	United States History II	HIST 2023		
<i>Choose three (3) hours from these courses:</i>					
PSCI	2003	American Government National <u>OR</u>	PSCI 2003	3	
PSYC	2003	General Psychology <u>OR</u>	PSYC 2003		
SOC	2003	Intro to Sociology <u>OR</u>	SOC 2003		
BA	1103	Personal Finance <u>OR</u>	FIN 2003		
ECON	2103	Principles of Microeconomics	ECON 2103		

Education Core (9 hours)			SAU	Hours	Grade
EDUC	2003	Introduction to Education	TEDU 2003	3	
EDUC	2023	K-12 Education Technology	EDUC 2023	3	

SPED	2023	Intro to Special Education	SPED 4073	3	
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Concentrations (Choose 2 areas; complete at least 14 credit hours)

SAU Hours Grade

Social Studies (12 credit hours)					
HIST	4083	Arkansas History	HIST 4083	3	
HIST	1311	World Civilization I <u>OR</u>	HIST 1311	3	
HIST	1312	World Civilization II	HIST 1312		
HIST	2022	U.S. History I <u>OR</u>	HIST 1311	3	
HIST	2023	U.S. History II	HIST 1312		
ECON	2103	Principles of Microeconomics	ECON 2103	3	
Language Arts (9 credit hours)					
ENGL	2313	American Lit I	ENGL 3623	3	
ENGL	2213	World Literature I <u>OR</u>	ENGL 2213	3	
ENGL	22	World Literature II	ENGL 2223		
ENGL	2323	American Lit II	ENGL 3633	3	
Math (11 credit hours)					
MATH	1033	Plane Trigonometry	MATH 1033	3	
MATH	1525	Calculus I	MATH 1525	5	
MATH	2063	Math for Teachers II	MAED 2063	3	
Science (12 credit hours)					
EN	1003	Introduction to Engineering	ENGR 1023	4	
BIOL	2404	Anatomy & Physiology I	BIOL 2063/2061	4	
CHEM	1114	General Chemistry	CHEM 1013/1011	4	

SAU Courses (60 credit hours) 3rd and 4th year

Content Requirements

Language Arts (21 credit hours total)			Semester	Hours	Grade
MSED	4333	Assessment-Driven Language Arts Instruction		3	
MSED	4363	Language Arts Content for Teachers		3	
USTD	3003	Information Literacy		3	
ENGL	3623	American Literature I	Transfer	3	
ENGL	2213 2223	World Literature I <u>OR</u> World Literature II	Transfer	3	
ENGL	3633	American Literature II	Transfer	3	
ENGL	3103 4503 4513 4523 4533 4543	Advanced Composition <u>OR</u> Creative Writing – Poetry Emphasis <u>OR</u> Creative Writing – Fiction Emphasis <u>OR</u> Writing: Special Topics <u>OR</u> Writing: Special Topics II <u>OR</u> Creative Writing – Creative Nonfiction		3	
Mathematics (22 credit hours total)					
MATH	1033	Plane Trigonometry	Transfer	3	
MATH	1525	Calculus I	Transfer	5	

MATH	2603	Math for Teachers II	Transfer	3	
MATH	3043	Applied Probability and Statistics		3	
MATH	3013	Math Connections		3	
MATH	4373	Assessment-Driven Math Instruction		3	
MATH	4012	Content Pedagogy in STEM		3	
Science (21 credit hours total)					
ENGR	1023	Introduction to Engineering	Transfer	3	
GEOL	1003/1001	Physical Geology/Lab		4	
CHEM	1013/1011	College Chemistry I/Lab	Transfer	4	
BIOL	2063/2061	Anatomy & Physiology I	Transfer	4	
TEDU	3243	STEM Content for Teachers		3	
TEDU	4343	Assessment-Driven Science Instruction		3	
Social Studies (12 credit hours + 9 general education hours)					
HIST	1003	World History I	Transfer	3	
HIST	1013	World History II	Transfer	3	
HIST	2013	U.S. History I	Transfer	3	
HIST	2023	U.S. History II	Transfer	3	
HIST	4083	History of Arkansas	Transfer	3	
PSCI	2003	American Government: National	Transfer	3	
ECON	2103	Principles of Microeconomics		3	
GEOG	2003	Introduction to Geography	Transfer	3	
TEDU	4363	Social Studies for Teachers		3	
TEDU	4373	Assessment-Driven Social Studies Instruction		3	

Professional Requirements

English Language Learner Focus (6 hours)			Semester	Hours	Grade
ENGL	4013	Second Language Acquisition		3	
ENGL	4033	TESOL Methods and Materials		3	
Education Focus (12 hours)					
SPED	4043	Inclusive Education		3	
SPED	4003	SPED 101		3	
TEDU	3013	Creating Environments for Learning		3	
TEDU	4103	Classroom Culture		3	
TEDU	4093	Collaborative Practice		3	
SPED	4063	Designing Assess for Gen and Sped Pop		3	
E ED	4173	Teaching Literacy I <u>AND</u>		6	
E ED	4273	Teaching Literacy II			
EDUC	4203	<u>OR</u> Strategies for Content Area Reading <u>AND</u>			
EDUC	4113	Reading Diagnostics			
Professional Electives (8-9 hours dependent on content area)					
Option 1: Additional Content (math, science, language arts, social studies)					
Option 2: TESOL Certificate					
ENGL	4003	Teaching People from Other Cultures		3	
ENGL	4023	Second Language Assessment		3	

ENGL	3003	Comparative English Grammar <i>OR</i>		3	
ENGL	4323	Introduction to English Language Studies			
Option 3: 9 hours toward the coaching endorsement					
ESCI	3003	Motor Learning and Development		3	
HPSS	4323	Organization and Administration of Human Performance and Sport Sciences		3	
HS	2043	Human Anatomy and Physiology		3	
HS	2413	First Aid and Safety/CPR		3	
HS	2443	Techniques in the Prevention and Care of Athletic Injuries		3	
HS	3243	Kinesiology and Biomechanics		3	
Residency Requirements (14 hours)					
TEDU	4006	Residency I		6	
TEDU	4016	Residency II		6	
TEDU	4001	Professional Learning I		1	
TEDU	4011	Professional Learning II		1	

SAU Total Hours: 60

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Appendix B: SAU Educator Preparation Program Admission Requirements

1. **EPP Admit form:** Complete the form provided by your SAU Advisor.
2. **Proof of initiation of Background and Child Maltreatment Check submitted to DESE.**
3. **Proof of GPA:** A GPA of 3.0 or higher overall is required for unconditional admission. If you do not meet the 3.0 GPA, a 2.7 to 3.0 GPA is allowed for conditional admission before the yearlong residency begins.
4. **Proof of basic skills competency:** All proof of basic skills must be less than 10 years old. Below is the menu of choices for proof of basic skills competencies. **Please submit unofficial transcripts or a screenshot of each basic skill competency test below by emailing the proof to your program advisor.**

If you are near SAU and do not meet the basic skills through your GPA, then the most cost-effective test is the Accuplacer. Call the SAU testing center at 870-235-4145. Call any local community college or university to take the test if you are not near SAU. Be sure to take the correct Accuplacer exams. Contact your program advisor with questions.

Math	Writing	Reading
<p>GPA: *Earned 3.0 (B) or higher in required general education math course identified in a degree program (see advisor for clarification).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p>Standardized Assessment Scores in one of the following:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ACT Math 19 SAT Math 510 Praxis Core Math 150</p> <p>Accuplacer NextGen Math QAS 249</p>	<p>GPA: *Earned 3.0 (B) average in Composition I and II (see advisor for clarification).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p>Standardized Assessment Scores in one of the following:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ACT Writing 6 SAT Writing 510 Praxis Core Writing 162</p> <p>Accuplacer NextGen Writing: 260 Accuplacer NextGen WritePlacer 5</p>	<p>GPA: *Earned 3.0 (B) cumulative GPA overall (see advisor for clarification).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p>Standardized Assessment Scores in one of the following:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ACT Reading 19 SAT Reading 510 Praxis Core Reading 156</p> <p>Accuplacer NextGen Reading 252</p>

For assistance on standardized test exams, <https://web.saumag.edu/education/epp-licensure-test-help/>.

For those who do not meet all requirements for the Educator Preparation Program admission, please email your program advisor regarding conditional admission.






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