



Transfer credits will be evaluated by the Admissions Office and added to the permanent record only for persons who are enrolled as degree-seeking students. Credits earned at another college will be transferred to SouthArk if the institution is regionally accredited or is an Arkansas state-supported college. When there is reason to question the acceptability of credits earned at any other institution, the college follows the policy of the major state university in the home state of that institution. Credits earned at other institutions will not be calculated in the grade point average at SouthArk.

1. Advanced Placement

SouthArk participates in the Advanced Placement Program (AP) of the College Entrance Examination Board for entering freshman. A student who submits the official test transcript verifying earned scores of 3,4, or 5 may be awarded college credit for an equivalent courses listed in the general catalog. Credit permitted will only be allowed for the corresponding course or sequence of course at the college, but no grade will be assigned to the approved credit nor will the hours meet residence requirements. Students who earn a 3 on an AP exam should be aware that credit may not be awarded for that score should they transfer to another college or university. Students who are planning to transfer should check with the registrar of that institution to see if a score of 3 will count for credit at that institution. Scores of 4 or 5 carry an award of credit at all public institutions of higher education in Arkansas. Twelve hours of credit must be completed at SouthArk before the AP credit will be listed on the transcript.

2. Tech-Prep Articulation Agreements

SouthArk participates in this national educational reform movement, defined by the Carl. D. Perkins Act. SouthArk has developed Tech-Prep articulation agreements with a number of school districts and will accept credit earned in these programs. It is the responsibility of the student to submit to the Enrollment Services Office copies of articulation agreements for courses that will be transferred from high school programs. A student must complete 12 hours before Tech-Prep articulation credits are listed on the transcript.

3. College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)

SouthArk awards credit on the basis of the CLEP exam. The minimum score needed to receive credit is 50. SouthArk does not grant CLEP credit for Composition II. Twelve hours of credit must be completed at SouthArk before students may petition for CLEP credits to be posted to their transcript.

4. Credit for Previous Training or Experience

Student with knowledge or skills equivalent to those required in courses taught at Southark may be awarded credit in those courses. If the student feels that they have the knowledge or skills that are required in the courses should petition the department involved and the Vice President of Academic Affairs. The department will make its recommendation on the evaluation of a portfolio completely defining the experience or training for which credit is sought. The college will also considers granting of credit based on recommendations make by the Guide to Educational Program in Non-Collegiate Organizations, the Guide to Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services or similar guides.

5. Electronic Transcript Transfer

SouthArk has the capabilities of sending and receiving transcripts electronically which greatly increases the speed with which transcripts are sent or received. If you would like to electronically send a transcript to SouthArk, please check to see if they have the capability or send or receiving the transcripts.

Acceptance of Transfer Credits

Transfer credit will be evaluated by the Enrollment Services Office and added to the permanent record only for persons who are enrolled as degree-seeking students. Credit earned at another college will be transferred to SouthArk if the institution is accredited by one of the six regional agencies and the student successfully completed the course with a "C" or higher. Credits earned at other institutions will not be calculated in the student's SouthArk cumulative GPA. To receive a degree from SouthArk, a student must complete any 30 hours or the last 15 hours at SouthArk.