



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

**Associate of Arts in Teaching  
to  
Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education K-6 STEM**

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 Arts in Education at SAU Tech to the Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education K-6 STEM 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 Arts in Education at SAU Tech will be admitted to the Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education K-6 STEM 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 Arts 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 Arts in Education to SAU Bachelor of Science in Education K - 6 STEM.

- B. A transfer student who has not completed all of the courses specified within the Associate of Arts 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  
 Chair, Teacher Education Date

Jodi Eppinette 11/12/24  
 Assoc. Vice Chancellor of Instruction Date

**Appendix A: 2+2 Degree Plan Checklist**  
**SAU TECH - AAT Elementary Education**  
**Southern Arkansas University - Bachelor of Science in Education K-6 STEM**

**SAU Tech Courses**

**General Education Requirements (62 credit hours)**

<b>Student Success (3 hours)</b>			<b>SAU</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Grade</b>
GSTD	1043	Rocket Awareness	GSTD 1002	2	

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

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

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

<b>Fine Arts/Humanities (9 credit hours)</b>			<b>SAU</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Grade</b>
<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		

<b>Social Sciences (9 credit hours)</b>			<b>SAU</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Grade</b>
<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		

<b>Additional Degree Requirements (24 hours)</b>			<b>SAU</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Grade</b>
HIST	1113	Arkansas History	HIST 4083	3	
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	
MATH	2053	Math for Teachers I	MAED 2053	3	
MATH	2063	Math for Teachers II	MAED 2063	3	
GEOG	2003	Intro to Geography	GEOG 2003	3	
		ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE	3	

### SAU Courses (59 credit hours) 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year

#### Fall Semester 5 (15 hours)

			Hours	Grade
E ED	4173	Teaching Literacy I	3	
ENGL	4013	Secondary Language Acquisition	3	
SPED	4003	Special Education 101	3	
TEDU	3243	STEM Content for Teachers	3	
MAED	4373	Assessment Driven Math Instruction	3	

#### Spring Semester 6 (15 hours)

			Hours	Grade
E ED	4273	Teaching Literacy I	3	
ENGL	4033	TESOL Methods and Materials	3	
TEDU	4103	Holistic Pedagogy	3	
TEDU	4343	Assessment-Driven STEM Instruction	3	
TEDU	4363	Social Studies for Teachers	3	

#### Fall Semester 7 (16 hours)

			Hours	Grade
SPED	4063	Designing Assessments for General and Special Populations	3	
SPED	4043	Inclusive Education	3	
TEDU	4006	Residency I	6	
TEDU	4093	Collaborative Practice	3	
TEDU	4001	Professional Learning I	1	

#### Spring Semester 8 (13 hours)

			Hours	Grade
E ED	4373	Assessment-Driven Literacy Instruction	3	
TEDU	3013	Creating Environments for Learning	3	
TEDU	4016	Residency II	6	
TEDU	4001	Professional Learning I	1	

## 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.

<b>Math</b>	<b>Writing</b>	<b>Reading</b>
<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 style="text-align: center;"><b>Standardized Assessment Scores in one of the following:</b></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><b>GPA:</b> *Earned 3.0 (B) average in Composition I and II (see advisor for clarification).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Standardized Assessment Scores in one of the following:</b></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><b>GPA:</b> *Earned 3.0 (B) cumulative GPA overall (see advisor for clarification).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Standardized Assessment Scores in one of the following:</b></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.