



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
TRANSFER ARTICULATION
BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE
AND
ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY-JONESBORO**

**Associate of Applied Science in Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic
and
Bachelor of Science in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management**

This Memorandum of Understanding (“Agreement”), entered into on ___ of August, 2024, (“Effective Date”) by and between Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (hereinafter, “ASUJ”), located at 2105 Aggie Road, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401, and Black River Technical College (hereinafter “BRTC”), located at 1410 Highway 304 East, Pocahontas, AR 72455.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate the transfer and degree completion of students earning the Associate of Applied Science in Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (hereinafter “EMT-Paramedic”) at BRTC to the Bachelor of Science in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (hereinafter “DPEM”) at ASUJ. Through collaborative efforts, ASUJ and BRTC will provide clarity regarding the degree requirements herein, and afford students the opportunity 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 Applied Science in EMT-Paramedic at BRTC

will be admitted to the Bachelor of Science in DPEM at ASUJ with full junior classification, subject to the provisions listed below.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A. The student must complete the requirements necessary for general admission to ASUJ as well as specific admission to the ASUJ Bachelor of Science in DPEM program.
- B. The student will have earned the Associate of Applied Science in EMT-Paramedic at BRTC.
- C. 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 ASUJ.

TRANSFER OF CREDITS

- A. Course equivalencies for this Agreement are displayed in Appendix A attached hereto.
- B. Course requirements for the ASUJ Bachelor of Science in DPEM program are stated in Appendix B attached hereto.
- C. A transfer student who has not completed all the courses specified within the Associate of Applied Science in EMT-Paramedic degree plan at BRTC, before entering ASUJ, must work with an academic advisor to ensure timely completion of degree program requirements.
- D. Current and updated copies of catalogs/curricular requirements for the ASUJ Bachelor of Science in DPEM program will be available to BRTC online.
- E. Remedial course grades will not be computed in the cumulative GPA for purposes of admission to ASUJ.
- F. Calculation of overall GPA for purposes of graduation and awarding of honors is left to the discretion of ASUJ.
- G. ASUJ will accept grades of "D" for transfer purposes unless a grade of "C or better" is specified for specific courses in this agreement.

IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW

- A. The Chief Academic Officers at each institution will implement the terms of this Agreement, including incorporation of 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 on an annual basis. Both ASUJ and BRTC agree to notify one another in a timely manner of any curriculum changes that would significantly impact the nature of this Agreement.
- C. ASUJ and BRTC will work together cooperatively, in the best interest of affected students, to resolve any issues related to the transfer of courses should changes to either degree program occur while the Agreement is in effect.
- D. Students will be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in accordance with their academic year of entry at BRTC. A student may opt for a subsequent revision of this Agreement, but must meet all of the requirements specified therein.

- E. ASUJ and BRTC will make every effort to inform students of this Agreement. This may include, but is not limited to, inclusion within each institution's website, published 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, no new students will be admitted to the program; however, all students who have already been admitted to ASUJ, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, will be allowed to complete their approved course of study under the terms contained therein.
- D. This agreement shall become effective at the time that the Arkansas Department of Higher Education has been notified and approval has been granted.



Dr. C. White, Jr.
Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor
Arkansas State University-Jonesboro

Date: 10/17/2024



Dr. Martin Eggenberger
President
Black River Technical College

Date: 1-7-25

Appendix A

Course equivalencies between Black River Technical College and Arkansas State University – Jonesboro

BRTC Courses

English Composition

ENG 1003 Freshman English I
ENG 1013 Freshman English II **OR**
ENG 1023 Technical Writing

Mathematics

MTH 123L Math for Healthcare Professionals (or higher)

Social Science Elective (3 Credit Hours)

PSY 2013 Introduction to Psychology **OR**
ANTH 2233 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology **OR**
SOC 2213 Principles of Sociology **OR**
GEOG 2613 Introduction to Geography **OR**
POSC 2103 U.S. Government **OR**
HIST 2083 Arkansas History **OR**
ECON 2313 Principles of Macroeconomics **OR**
ECON 2333 Economic Issues & Concepts

Associate of Applied Science in Emergency Medical Training Paramedic

EMS 1203 Paramedic Practicum One*
EMS 1213 Paramedic One*
EMS 1304 Paramedic Practicum Two*
EMS 1313 Paramedic Two*
EMS 2103 Paramedic Practicum Three*
EMS 2105 Paramedic Three*
EMS 2203 Paramedic Practicum Four*

(* following the course name signifies the program core courses.

ASUJ Courses

ENG 1003 Composition I
ENG 1013 Composition II
GENL 1000 Sub Gen Ed Humanities

MTH 123L will not transfer. MATH 1023 Must be taken either at BRTC or ASUJ.

PSY 2013 Intro to Psychology
ANTH 2233 Intro to Cultural Anthropology
SOC 2213 Principles of Sociology
GEOG 2613 Intro to Geography
POSC 2103 Intro to U.S. Government
HIST L083 LL History of Arkansas
ECON 2313 Principles of Macroeconomics
ECON 2333 Economic Issues and Concepts

Appendix B

ASU-Jonesboro Courses

The following are courses that BRTC students must take to complete ASUJ's Bachelor of Science in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management

(Paramedic curriculum at BRTC is 44 credit hours; paramedic credit accepted for highlighted courses – 37-hours of lower level major and emphasis courses.)

Major Requirements (60 hours)

DPEM 1101 Introduction to Incident Management

DPEM 1111 Introduction to Resource Management

DPEM 1121 Introduction to CBRNE

DPEM 1703 Introduction to Community Response

DPEM 2223 Hazardous Materials Containment

DPEM 2233 Principles of Healthcare Emergency Management

DPEM 2303 Environmental Health Training in Emergency Response

DPEM 2313 Pandemic Planning and Preparedness

DPEM 2323 Respiratory Protection

DPEM 2343 Emergency Responder HAZMAT Technician for CBRNE

DPEM 2353 Global Perspectives in Disaster Preparedness *Includes Core Disaster Life Support (CDLS).*

DPEM 2363 Fundamentals of CBRNE Crime Scene Management

DPEM 3503 Principles of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management *Includes Basic Disaster Life Support (BDLS).*

DPEM 3553 Ethics and the Law in DPEM

DPEM 3573 Business Continuity in DPEM

DPEM 4313 Physical Care of CBRNE Injuries

DPEM 4523 Risk Identification and Prevention

DPEM 4533 Disaster and Mental Health

DPEM 4553 Capstone in Homeland Security & Disaster Preparedness

DPEM 4563 NGO Agencies in DPEM

DPEM 4713 Advanced Information Officer

DPEM 3593 Research Concepts in DPEM

Emphasis Area

In consultation with their advisor, students must select courses within one area of emphasis (for example: Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management, Law Enforcement, HealthCare, Administration.) Fifteen hours must be upper-level. Sem. Hrs: 22 (7 lower-level emphasis hours for paramedic credit accepted.)

Total Required Hours: 120