



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
TRANSFER ARTICULATION**

**BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
AND  
ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY-JONESBORO**

**Associate of Applied Science in Fire Science  
Associate of Applied Science in EMT-Paramedic  
Associate of Applied Science in Law Enforcement Administration  
Associate of Science in Fire Service Administration  
Technical Certificate in Fire Science  
Technical Certificate in Paramedic**

**and**

**Bachelor of Science in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management**

This Memorandum of Understanding ("Agreement"), entered into on 5<sup>th</sup> of July, 2018, ("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, Arkansas 72455.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate the transfer and degree completion of students earning an Associate of Applied Science, Associate of Science, or Technical Certificate in specific majors at BRTC to the Bachelor of Science in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management. 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 an Associate of Applied Science, Associate of Science, or Technical Certificate in specific majors at BRTC will be admitted to the Bachelor of Science in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management at ASUJ in either the on-campus or online program, 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 Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management program.
- B. The student will have completed one of the following programs at BRTC.
  - a. Associate of Applied Science in Fire Science
  - b. Associate of Applied Science in EMT-Paramedic
  - c. Associate of Applied Science in Law Enforcement Administration
  - d. Associate of Science in Fire Service Administration
  - e. Technical Certificate in Fire Science
  - f. Technical Certificate in Paramedic
- 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 requirements for this Agreement are displayed on the following attachments (see Appendix A). Students who have earned an Associate of Applied Science, Associate of Science, or Technical Certificate in the specific majors will be awarded 37 Technical Block hours which include the Lower-Level DPEM-prefix and Lower-Level Emphasis Area courses of the Bachelor of Science in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management at ASUJ.
- B. A transfer student who has not completed all of the courses specified within the Associate of Applied Science or Associate of Science degree plan at BRTC, before entering ASUJ, must work with an academic advisor to ensure timely completion of degree program requirements.
- C. Current and updated copies of catalogs/curricular requirements for the ASUJ Bachelor of Science in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management program will be available to BRTC online. Catalogs/Curricular requirements are available for both the on-campus and online programs.
- D. Remedial course grades will not be computed in the cumulative GPA for purposes of admission to ASUJ.

## **IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW**

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.

- A. 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.
- B. 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.
- C. 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.
- D. 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.



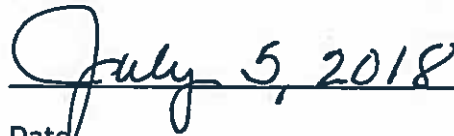
Lynita M. Cooksey, Ph.D.  
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic  
Affairs and Research  
Arkansas State University-Jonesboro



Date



Sheila Taylor, Ed.D  
Vice President of Academics  
Black River Technical College



Date

**Appendix A:**

## ASU- JONESBORO COURSES

The following are courses that A.A.S. in Fire Science, A.A.S. in EMT-Paramedic, or A.A.S. in Law Enforcement Administration BRTC students must take to complete ASUJ's Bachelor of Science in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management

| BRTC   | ASUJ  |
|--|---|
| <b>General Education – 15 Hours (Approx)</b> | <b>General Education – 20 Hours (Approx)</b>  |
| <b>Technical Block – 37 Hours</b>            | <b>Major Requirements – 30 Hours</b>  |
|  | DPEM 3503 Principles of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management  |
|  | DPEM 3553 Ethical/Legal Considerations  |
|  | DPEM 3573 Business Continuity in DPEM   |
|  | DPEM 3593 Research Concepts in DPEM   |
|  | DPEM 4513 Physical Care of CBRNE Injuries   |
|  | DPEM 4523 Risk Identification   |
|  | DPEM 4533 Disaster and Mental Health  |
|  | DPEM 4553 Capstone  |
|  | DPEM 4563 Non-Governmental Agencies & DPEM  |
|  | DPEM 4713 Advanced Information Officer  |
|  | <b>Emphasis Area – 15 Hours*</b>  |
|  | Select courses with one area of emphasis (Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management, Law Enforcement, Health Care, Administration) |

\*Must be Upper-Level Hours

## ASU- JONESBORO COURSES

The following are courses that A.S. in Fire Service Administration BRTC students must take to complete ASUJ's Bachelor of Science in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management

| BRTC                                | ASUJ  |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| <b>General Education – 35 Hours</b> | <b>Major Requirements – 30 Hours</b>  |
| <b>Technical Block – 37 Hours</b>   | DPEM 3503 Principles of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management  |
|                                     | DPEM 3553 Ethical/Legal Considerations  |
|                                     | DPEM 3573 Business Continuity in DPEM   |
|                                     | DPEM 3593 Research Concepts in DPEM   |
|                                     | DPEM 4513 Physical Care of CBRNE Injuries   |
|                                     | DPEM 4523 Risk Identification   |
|                                     | DPEM 4533 Disaster and Mental Health  |
|                                     | DPEM 4553 Capstone  |
|                                     | DPEM 4563 Non-Governmental Agencies & DPEM  |
|                                     | DPEM 4713 Advanced Information Officer  |
|                                     | <b>Emphasis Area – 15 Hours*</b>  |
|                                     | Select courses with one area of emphasis (Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management, Law Enforcement, Health Care, Administration) |

\*Must be Upper-Level Hours

## ASU- JONESBORO COURSES

The following are courses that T.C. in Fire Science or Paramedic BRTC students must take to complete ASUJ's Bachelor of Science in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management

| BRTC                              | ASUJ  |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Technical Block – 37 Hours</b> | <b>General Education – 35 Hours</b>   |
|                                   | <b>Major Requirements – 30 Hours</b>  |
|                                   | DPEM 3503 Principles of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management  |
|                                   | DPEM 3553 Ethical/Legal Considerations  |
|                                   | DPEM 3573 Business Continuity in DPEM   |
|                                   | DPEM 3593 Research Concepts in DPEM   |
|                                   | DPEM 4513 Physical Care of CBRNE Injuries   |
|                                   | DPEM 4523 Risk Identification   |
|                                   | DPEM 4533 Disaster and Mental Health  |
|                                   | DPEM 4553 Capstone  |
|                                   | DPEM 4563 Non-Governmental Agencies & DPEM  |
|                                   | DPEM 4713 Advanced Information Officer  |
|                                   | <b>Emphasis Area – 15 Hours*</b>  |
|                                   | Select courses with one area of emphasis (Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management, Law Enforcement, Health Care, Administration) |
|                                   | <b>Electives – 3 Hours**</b>  |

\*Must be Upper-Level Hours

\*\*The 3 hours of Electives is to meet the 120-hour requirement, however if the Technical Certificate is 40 hours or greater this will not need to be taken at ASUJ as the excess Technical Certificate hours will suffice.