



ADMISSIONS, REGISTRATION, AND RECORDS

East Arkansas Community College has an open door policy for general admission and offers equal educational opportunity to all persons without regard to race, sex, creed, color, national origin, age, marital status, or disability. Inquiries regarding admission should be submitted to the Office of Admission and Registration. This office receives and processes all applications for admission, evaluates transcripts and other credentials, and issues notices of acceptance to qualified applicants.

Applications must be processed and accepted before a student registers for classes. It is highly recommended that students submit an application and placement test scores before the registration period begins. Applications not submitted in a timely manner may delay a student's registration.

Admission to the college does not ensure admission to any particular program of study. Students who wish to enter any of the Associate of Applied Science programs should check with the appropriate department offering the program in order to be familiar with any special admission requirements. In particular, programs in Allied Health Sciences have additional requirements.

Admission Categories

1. First College Admission

Any applicant who has no previous college enrollment and who is a graduate of an accredited high school or who has a GED equivalency certificate may be admitted as a freshman. An official transcript showing the date of graduation of all high school work completed or a copy of the GED certificate must be submitted to the Admission office at EACC.

2. Readmission

Former students not currently enrolled at EACC should file an application for readmission. Official transcripts must be provided for all institutions attended since the previous EACC enrollment.

3. Unconditional/Conditional Admission

A. Unconditional - Beginning in May 2002, high school graduates completing the core curriculum with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale will be admitted unconditionally.

B. Conditional - Students whose expected date of graduation falls on or after May 2002, and do not meet the criteria described above will be admitted conditionally.

4. Transfer Students

A. Permanent Transfer Status

Students previously enrolled in other post-secondary institutions must provide evidence of good standing at those institutions. An official transcript should be sent to the Office of Admission and Registration at EACC from each institution previously attended before or at the time of pre-registration for classes. Transcripts must be submitted before registration. New students who are not eligible to return to their previous institution will not be considered for admission to EACC until they have been out of school for at least one regular term (fall or spring), or are eligible to return to the previous institution. Non-attendance for the summer term will not fulfill this requirement. Grades of "D" or better will transfer to EACC; however, "D" grades transferred into EACC will not apply toward an AA or AS transfer degree, AAS-EMT/Paramedic degree, AAS-Nursing, or AAS Radiologic Technology degree.

B. Transient Transfer Status

Students maintaining primary enrollment at another institution must submit a letter of good standing to the Office of Admission and Registration before registration. A new application and letter of good standing must be submitted each term.

5. High School Student Enrollment

Students in grades 9 through 12 may enroll in 1000- or 2000-level courses with a completed concurrent enrollment form which includes their principal/designee's signature, a parent or guardian's signature and the student's signature. The concurrent enrollment form must be submitted at the time of application. For subsequent semesters, the concurrent enrollment form must be presented at the time of registration.

High school students must be tested (ACT or ACCUPLACER) prior to enrollment in college English, mathematics, and/or general education courses, test scores for high school students must be reported prior to or at the time of enrollment in the appropriate disciplines. Students should submit a copy of their high school transcript at the time of registration.

A. Concurrent Enrollment/Credit

Concurrent enrollment is the enrollment of a high school student in post secondary education for high school credit and college-level credit.

B. Dual Enrollment

Dual enrollment is the enrollment of a high school student in post secondary education for college-level credit exclusively.

6. Special Student Status

An application is required but no other documents must be submitted unless a student desires to take more than 12 hours of course work or take a mathematics or English course. Placement tests are required before enrolling in a college-level mathematics or English composition course. After completing a total of 12 hours, the student's admission status will be reviewed. Special Students are not eligible for financial aid. The following are eligible for Special Student Status:

- A. Adults who have previously completed a college degree and do not wish to pursue a degree at EACC.
- B. Persons who wish to enroll for self-interest or skill improvement.

Immunization Requirements

Full-time students should provide proof of immunization against measles, rubella, and mumps at the time of application. The immunization record must be signed by a licensed medical doctor or authorized health official, and the month and year must be noted. The date must also be AFTER the student's first birthday and must be after 1-1-68. Records before 1-1-68 are not valid. State law mandates that proof of immunization be submitted within 30 days of enrollment.

Documents accepted in lieu of immunization include the following:

- A. a copy of a positive laboratory test for immunity to measles and rubella certified by a medical doctor.
- B. a certificate, approved by the Director of the Arkansas Department of Health, signed by a medical doctor licensed by the state of Arkansas, stating that the vaccine would be detrimental to the health of the student.
- C. a notarized form, approved by the Arkansas Department of Health, completed by an official of a recognized church or denomination, stating specifically that immunizations conflict with the tenets and practices of the church of which the student is a member.

Advisement and Placement

The Arkansas State Legislature established in Section 19 of Act 1052 of 1987 a testing and evaluation program for all degree-seeking students in the state. The mandate for that program was renewed under the provisions of ACT 1011 of 1991. The Arkansas Department of Higher Education followed the established guidelines and issued cutoff scores for student placement in college-level or preparatory-level courses in mathematics, English composition, and reading skills. Placement is determined by scores earned on the ACT (American College Test) and the ACCUPLACER placement test.

New students should submit scores from one of the required placement tests at the time of application. New students who do not have test scores at the time of application will be scheduled to take the ACCUPLACER

test prior to registration. There is no fee charged for the test. Prospective students must call the Student Services Complex in the Betty Jo Hodges Building to schedule an appointment when application to the college has been made.

New students transferring to EACC from an accredited two- or four-year institution must submit an official transcript which shows successful completion of or official withdrawal from college-level English and mathematics courses to be exempted from testing.

More information about course placement may be found on the EACC course placement rules and procedures section of the catalog and on the placement test score table.

Admission of International Students

EACC is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien students on "F-1" student visas. Citizens of foreign countries who wish to attend EACC should request admission information from the Office of Admission and Registration. Appropriate forms and instructions will be mailed on request. The application for admission should be completed and returned at least six months prior to the beginning of the semester of enrollment. All supporting documentation must be received at least three months prior to the beginning of the semester of enrollment. The applicant will be mailed a notification of acceptance or rejection of the application.

International applicants must:

1. Submit a completed application for admission and pay \$25 application processing fee.
2. Certified copies of all the student's academic records, with English translation of these documents, must accompany the application. The applicant's academic background must be at least equivalent to U.S. high school graduation.
3. If the applicant's native language is other than English, an official transcript of the score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) must be submitted from Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey 08540. This test may be taken at various test centers throughout the world, but it is the applicant's responsibility to obtain the necessary information and application forms, and to arrange to take the test by a date which will ensure that the results are reported to EACC by the required deadlines. EACC requires a minimum score of 500 on the TOEFL (a minimum of 173 on the computerized TOEFL).
4. a. The applicant must submit a certified statement from a U.S. bank or other reliable certifying institution (acceptable to EACC), certifying that the applicant has on deposit a minimum of \$12,590 for each academic year of planned attendance. No EACC funds are available for financial aid to students who are not U.S. citizens.
b. In the event that the student is being sponsored

by another person, institution or agency, the sponsor shall deposit funds in escrow with EACC sufficient to cover the costs of books, tuition, and fees for each year of attendance and provide certification as described in 4a for the remainder of the funds necessary for living expenses.

5. An international applicant must be in good physical health, as certified by a licensed physician. An international applicant must purchase health insurance and present evidence of this before enrollment. Such proof must be presented each semester.
6. EACC's academic requirements for admission must be met, and all documents related to academic records, financial ability, competency in the English language, and physical health must be received before eligibility for admission can be determined. Form 1-20A, "Certificate of Eligibility for Non-Immigrant F-1 Student Status" will be issued only after eligibility for admission has been established.
7. International applicants who are seeking admission as transfers from another college or university in the U.S. must also submit to EACC a Form I-20AB, or other appropriate form, which must be approved by the U.S. Department of Justice, Immigration, and Naturalization Service. Transfer students must be in good standing at the institution from which they are transferring, and must have a minimum grade point average of 2.00.
8. It is the responsibility of the international student to become familiar with the regulations of the immigration and Naturalization Service and to assume responsibility for complying with these regulations.
9. EACC does not provide:
 - a. Student housing (dormitories are not available).
 - b. Transportation to and from the college.

General Admission Procedures

1. Submit a formal Application for Admission.
2. Submit an official high school transcript or proof of GED certificate.
3. Submit proof of immunization.
4. Comply with Assessment Testing and Placement requirements.
5. If college transfer, submit official transcripts from each institution attended.

Social Security Number

Each student is required to have a Social Security number. It is the student's responsibility to submit the correct number on the application for admission and on all financial aid papers. To submit an incorrect number could delay financial aid awards or cause incorrect enrollment in classes.

Transfer Policy

Students transferring to EACC from another institution should request official transcripts of their academic records to be sent directly to the Office of Admission and Registration. The registration process cannot be completed without the official transcript(s).

Credit accepted for transfer must have been earned at an accredited college or university. Transfer credit will be accepted for satisfactorily completed college-level courses for which EACC offers equivalent courses. Transfer courses for which EACC offers no equivalent courses will be evaluated for possible general elective credit. Transcripts from non-accredited colleges will be evaluated on the same basis as that employed by the state university of the state in which the transfer college is located. It is highly recommended that college catalogs with descriptions of courses being transferred from out-of-state schools or earlier than five previous years be submitted along with the transcript. This will allow a more knowledgeable evaluation of the courses.

Students must be in good academic standing at the last institution attended. Entering transfer students must have a cumulative grade point average, which falls within EACC's guidelines for good academic standing. Students on academic suspension from another institution will be eligible for admission only after having remained out of school for one semester (not including a summer term) or being eligible to return to the previous institution.

Transfer credit will only be evaluated and added to a permanent record for those students who are currently enrolled as a degree-seeking candidate at EACC. Grades earned in transfer courses are considered in calculating students' grade point averages at EACC. Grades of "D" or better will transfer to EACC; however "D" grades transferred into EACC will not apply toward an AA or AS transfer degree, AAS-Paramedic degree, or AAS-Nursing degree.

Vocational or technically oriented courses will be accepted when directly related to a particular Applied Science program at EACC and will be applicable only toward the appropriate Associate of Applied Science degree.

Transferability of Courses

Statewide Articulation Agreement

Arkansas Act 98 of 1989 provides that the State Board of Higher Education "shall establish in consultation with the colleges and universities a minimum core of courses which shall apply toward the general education core curriculum requirements for baccalaureate degrees at state supported institutions of higher education and which shall be fully transferable between state institutions."

The Arkansas Course Transfer System

(ACTS) contains information about the transferability of courses within Arkansas public colleges and universities. Students are guaranteed the transfer of applicable credits and the equitable treatment in the application of credits for the admissions and degree requirements. Course transferability is not guaranteed for courses listed in ACTS as “No Comparable Course.” Additionally, courses with a grade of “D” frequently do not transfer and institutional policies may vary. ACTS may be accessed on the Internet by going to the ADHE website and selecting Course Transfer (www.adhe.edu).

Requesting a Transcript

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 requires that all transcript requests be in writing, signed and dated by the person to whom the record belongs. You can assist us in giving speedy accurate service by providing complete information.

Transcript request forms are available in the Hodges Student Services Building and at the College’s website: www.eacc.edu/information/forms/forms.htm

Students may also obtain a transcript by mailing or faxing (870) 633-3840 a written request that contains the following:

- **FULL NAME** as it appears on your record. Please include your maiden name, if married, or any other name used while enrolled at the college.
- **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**
- **LAST TERM ATTENDED (approximate)**
- **ADDRESS** to which the transcript is to be mailed.
- Your **RETURN ADDRESS** and **PHONE NUMBER**

After signing and dating your request, send it to:

**Office of Admission and Registration
East Arkansas Community College
1700 Newcastle Road
Forrest City AR 72335-2204**

All copies issued are official. If copies are mailed to students, the transcript will be stamped, “Issued to Student.” Students should note that most institutions prefer the copy be mailed directly to their office. You should check with the receiving institution before requesting a transcript. Transcript requests are generally processed within 36 hours of receipt. Additionally, transcripts can be sent electronically to those schools participating in EDI/SPEEDE electronic transcript processing.

College policy prohibits issuing transcripts to any student indebted to the college (including overdue books and unpaid library fees).

Residency Determination/Fee Assessment

Residency is determined at the time of application. Students are classified for fee assessment purposes on the basis of their legal residence (or that of their parents, if minor). No student shall be classified as an in-county or in-state student for fee purposes unless he or she is a bona fide legal resident of Arkansas and has resided in this county or state in that status for at least six consecutive months prior to the beginning of the term/semester for which the fees are to be paid.

All residency determinations are made by the Registrar and are based on regulations 6A-8.61 and guidelines of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education. Complete guidelines concerning residency determination are on file in the Office of Admission and Registration and are available for review upon request. Changes of residency or appeals should be requested before registration of a particular semester. After registration, residency status will be changed for a future semester only. A written request and official documents showing legal residency are required in order to change a residency status.

Academic Records Privacy Rights

A student’s academic record is confidential and will not be released to unauthorized persons without written approval from the student. The following items are considered public information and may be made available upon inquiry unless the student requests non-disclosure for the enrollment period: name, address, phone number, place and date of birth, academic major, full or part-time status, academic and non-academic honors, other academic institutions attended, degree obtained and date conferred, campus activities, leadership positions, and dates of attendance and other similar information.

Requests for non-disclosure are effective only for the enrollment period in which the request is submitted. Students must file a new request at the beginning of each enrollment period for which non-disclosure is desired.

EACC complies fully with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 which was designated to protect the privacy of education records, to establish the right of students to inspect and review their education records, and to provide guidelines for the correction of inaccurate or misleading data through informal and formal hearings.

Students also have the right to file complaints with The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) office concerning alleged failures by the institution to comply with the Act. Questions concerning FERPA may be directed to the Office of Admission and Records.

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