

EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Accreditation and Affiliations

East Arkansas Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago IL 60604-1441, 1-800-621-7440.

EACC's Associate Degree Nursing Program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc., 3343 Peachtree Road, NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia, 30326., 404-975-5000 and approved by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing, 1123 South University, Suite 800, Little Rock, AR 72204, 501-686-2700.

East Arkansas Community College's Paramedic Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). East Arkansas Community College's Paramedic Program received accreditation in May of 2010. The address of the CAAHEP is 1361 Park Street, Clearwater, Florida 33756. The telephone number is (727) 210-2354. The web address is <http://www.caahep.org>.

East Arkansas Community College's Paramedic Program is also accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Emergency Medical Services Programs (CoAEMSP). The address of CoAEMSP is 8301 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 111-312, Rowlett, TX 75088. The telephone number is 214-703-8445. The web address is <http://www.coaemsp.org>.

East Arkansas Community College is approved by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education, and the institution is also a member of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges. Transfer of credit courses or programs is generally acceptable at most other colleges and universities in the state and nation.

The College is also approved by the State Approving Agency for Veterans for persons eligible for educational benefits under the G.I. Bill.

Policy Statement

The information and policies contained in this bulletin are subject to change at any time without published notice. Such changes may result from action by the Federal and State governments, the Board of Trustees of East Arkansas Community College, or the College administration.

Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Non-discrimination

East Arkansas Community College is committed to provide equal opportunity through its employment practices, educational programs, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs and services it offers to the community. The College will make personnel decisions and offer programs that will foster educational opportunities without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, age, gender, pregnancy status or disability of qualified handicapped persons. Inquiries regarding provisions for students with disabilities should be addressed to the American Disabilities Act Coordinator, Hodges Building, 633-4480, ext. 304.

Message From the President:

Welcome to East Arkansas Community College. The anticipation of beginning classes and participating in programs provides a very exciting time not only for our students, but for EACC's faculty and staff.

This is an exciting era for East Arkansas Community College. EACC is a learning-centered community committed to providing quality lifelong education opportunities for the diverse citizenry of the Arkansas Delta. We're creating exciting educational opportunities with a focus on the future. EACC provides students with the academic, technical, and personal skills that will prepare them for a successful career or for transfer to a four-year college.

Our students are being enriched by new perspectives, new academic and technical programs, and by a sense of community that encourages and inspires. EACC is an increasingly dynamic resource for the Delta: cultivating partnerships and contributing to cultural, environmental, and economic vitality. The faculty, administration and staff at EACC are dedicated to the success of all of our students.

As you join our community of learners and teachers, you will acquire the knowledge from the past and present as you prepare for your future. Whether you are a work-study student, a member of a club or organization, a part-time or a full-time student, you will enjoy the collaboration with fellow students, instructors and staff.

Take advantage of every experience and know that the satisfaction you receive will be the greatest reward of all - as you become a true lifelong learner.



Dr. Coy Grace, EACC President



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ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2017-2018

FALL 2017

New Student Orientation.....	August 8 (T)
Faculty Report to Campus.....	August 14 (M)
Advising/Registration.....	August 14-18 (M – F)
Classes Begin	August 21 (M)
Late Registration for on Campus Classes	August 21 – 25 (M – F)
Late Registration for Online Classes	August 21 – September 1 (M – F)
Labor Day Holiday	September 4 (M)
Census Day (11 th Class Day)	September 5 (T)
Deadline for Fall 2017 Graduation.....	October 5 (Th)
ACC Break (No Classes)	October 16 - 17 (M – T)
Mid-Term Grades Submission Deadline.....	October 16 (M)
Last Day to Drop with a “W”	October 26 (Th)
Spring 2018 Registration Begins	November 6 (M)
Last Day to Drop.....	November 14 (T)
Thanksgiving Break for Classes	November 22 -24 (W – F)
Thanksgiving Holiday (College Closed).....	November 23 - 24 (Th – F)
Last Day of Regular Classes (Day & Evening)	December 4 (M)
Final Exams.....	December 5 - 7 & 11 (T – Th, M)
Some classes may have final exams on Friday.....	December 8 (F)
Grades Due by 12:00 p.m.....	December 12 (T)
College Closed.....	December 25 – January 1 (M – M)

SPRING 2018

Staff Report to Campus.....	January 2 (T)
Faculty Report to Campus.....	January 2 (T)
Advising/Registration.....	January 2 – 5 (T – F)
Classes Begin	January 8 (M)
Late Registration for on Campus Classes	January 8 – 12 (M – F)
Late Registration for Online Classes	January 8 – 19 (M – F)
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (College Closed).....	January 15 (M)
Census Day (11 th Class Day)	January 23 (T)
Mid-Term Grades Submission Deadline.....	March 5 (M)
Deadline for Spring 2018 Graduation	March 1 (Th)
Last Day to Drop with a “W”	March 15 (Th)
Spring Break (No Classes).....	March 19 - 23 (M – F)
Summer & Fall 2018 Registration Begins.....	April 2 (M)
Last Day to Drop a Class.....	April 5 (Th)
Last Day of Regular Classes (Day & Evening)	April 23 (M)
Final Exams.....	April 24– 26 (T – Th) & April 30 (M)
Some classes may have final exams on Friday.....	April 27 (F)
Grades Due by 12:00 p.m.....	May 1 (T)
Commencement	May 4 (F)

Academic Calendar may be subject to change.

SUMMER I 2018 (5 WEEKS)

Advising & Registration.....	May 21 – 25 (M – F)
Memorial Day Holiday (College Closed).....	May 28 (M)
Classes Begin.....	May 29 (T)
Late Registration.....	May 29 – 30 (T-W)
Classes meet on Friday.....	June 1 (F)
Census Day (11 th Day Equivalent).....	June 1 (F)
Last Day to Drop with a “W”.....	June 14 (Th)
Last Day to Drop a Class.....	June 21 (Th)
Last Day of Regular Classes (Day & Evening).....	June 27 (W)
Final Exams (Day & Evening).....	June 28 (Th)
Grades Due by 12:00 p.m.....	June 29 (F)

CLASSES WILL MEET ON FRIDAY, JUNE 1ST

SUMMER I 2018 (10 WEEKS)

Advising & Registration.....	May 21 – 25 (M – F)
Memorial Day Holiday (College Closed).....	May 28 (M)
Classes Begin.....	May 29 (T)
Late Registration.....	May 29 – 30 (T-W)
Classes meet on Friday.....	June 1 (F)
Census Day (11 th Day Equivalent).....	June 1 (F)
No classes scheduled.....	July 2 - 3 (M - T)
Independence Day Holiday (College Closed).....	July 4 (W)
Classes meet on Friday.....	July 6 & 13 (F)
Last Day to Drop with a “W”.....	June 14 (Th)
Last Day to Drop a Class.....	June 21 (Th)
Classes meet on Friday.....	July 20 (F)
Last Regular Classes (Day & Evening).....	August 1 (W)
Final Exams (Day and Evening).....	August 2 (Th)
Grades Due by 12:00 p.m.....	August 3 (F)

CLASSES WILL MEET ON FRIDAY, JUNE 1ST, JULY 6TH, 13TH, and 20TH

SUMMER SESSION II 2018 (5 WEEKS)

Advising & Registration.....	June 25 – July 3 (M – T)
Independence Day Holiday (College Closed).....	July 4 (W)
Classes Begin.....	July 5 (Th)
Late Registration.....	July 5 – July 6 (Th – W)
Census Day (11 th Day Equivalent).....	July 10 (T)
Classes meet on Friday.....	July 6, 13, & 20 (F)
Last Day to Drop with a “W”.....	July 19 (Th)
Last Day to Drop a Class.....	July 26 (Th)
Last Regular Classes (Day & Evening).....	August 1 (W)
Final Exams (Day and Evening).....	August 2 (Th)
Grades Due by 12:00 p.m.....	August 3 (F)

CLASSES WILL MEET ON FRIDAY, JULY 6TH, 13TH, and 20TH

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Where To Go For Assistance

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Administration Building

- To discuss academic matters
- To request schedule overload or override
- To reserve space for organizational meetings

ACADEMIC ADVISORS' OFFICES

Faculty Office Buildings 2, 4, 5, 6, 7

- To plan schedule and register for next term
- To drop or add classes
- To receive major/degree information
- To discuss graduation requirements and/or degree audit
- To receive info about credit by examination/ experience

ADMISSIONS, REGISTRATION, AND RECORDS

Hodges Student Services Complex

- To inquire about admission
- To receive a current catalog or class schedule
- To obtain a transcript or view grades
- To make address or name changes
- To obtain transcript evaluation
- To obtain a drop, add or withdrawal form

BOOKSTORE

Student Center

- To purchase books, computer disks, supplies, clothing items

BUSINESS OFFICE

Office Building 1

- To request refunds
- To receive financial aid disbursements
- To make arrangements for payment plans

CAREER PATHWAYS PROGRAM

Office Building 3

CASHIER

Student Center

- To pay tuition and fees
- To pay for a transcript
- To pay matriculation fee
- To pay for dropping or adding a class

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

Hodges Student Services Complex

- To inquire about financial assistance (loans, grants, scholarships, work-study and/or tuition waivers)

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Student Center

- To receive a parking permit
- To ask about and sign up for activities
- To sign up for intramural sports
- To become a member of SAC
- To become an EACC Ambassador
- To become a member of the M-MAP Program
- To become a member of Diverse Women

COUNSELING CENTER

Hodges Student Services Complex

- To inquire about ACT, CLEP, PRAXIS and AAGE/CAAP tests
- To take the ACT or ACCUPLACER placement exams
- To register for first semester at EACC
- To discuss career opportunities
- To decide on college major
- To receive advisor assignment
- To receive information about transfer colleges
- To inquire about veterans benefits
- To discuss ANY problem
- To receive information about accommodation for students with disabilities

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Administration Building

- To discuss any problems
- To place organizational events on activity calendar
- To place posters on bulletin boards
- To inquire about organizations or clubs
- To report any student misconduct or emergency
- To request student insurance

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Hodges Student Services Complex

- To receive tutorial assistance
- To obtain assistance with academic courses
- To work with a mentor
- To arrange for a visit to a four-year school

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & CONTINUING EDUCATION

Learning Resource Center

- To receive information on customized training and Community Education
- To receive information on starting/maintaining a small business

THE LEARNING CENTER

Hodges Student Services Complex

- To receive free tutorial assistance

LIBRARY

Learning Resource Center

- To utilize the multimedia lab
- To obtain resources and do research
- To obtain student ID's
- To access the Internet
- To make copies

EASTERN ARKANSAS LITERACY PROJECT

- Learning Resource Center- Room L101



GENERAL INFORMATION

Mission Statement

The mission of East Arkansas Community College is to enhance the quality of life for everyone within the EACC service community by providing opportunities for educational excellence, economic stimulation, and cultural enrichment.

Vision Statement

As an open-door, two-year institution of higher education, East Arkansas Community College's primary focus is a commitment to learning by educating and preparing students to become responsible citizens and contributing members of society. In addition, the College realizes the importance of serving other clients, including area businesses, industries, and educational institutions. In order to actualize its mission, the college is committed to promoting the intellectual and cultural advancement of the community, fostering diversity, tolerance, and mutual respect among its constituents by offering the human and physical resources of the college, and continued improvement through professional development of its faculty and staff. Through these efforts and through its cooperation with other educational institutions, the College is an active partner in the economic and social progress of eastern Arkansas. The specific objectives used to fulfill the vision of EACC are to offer:

1. Correlated programs of study that will transfer to four-year institutions.
2. Occupational degrees and certificate programs consistent with the needs of our students and service area.
3. Lifelong learning and industrial training programs to meet the needs of the community.
4. Qualified high school students the option to earn college credit through articulation agreements.
5. A broad range of educational opportunities by providing access to other institutions through cooperative agreements, joint programs, and distance learning.
6. Developmental education that assists individuals in improving learning skills and overcoming educational deficiencies.
7. Personalized guidance and counseling services which promote the proper placement of students in all courses and programs of study.
8. Opportunities for faculty and staff development.

Role and Scope

East Arkansas Community College (EACC) is a comprehensive two-year college dedicated to meeting the educational needs of its service area. The College is dedicated to being a partner, a resource, a facilitator, and a leader for social and economic improvement and continued growth of our community, region, and state.

East Arkansas Community College offers an education program including, but not limited to, technical occupational programs, freshman and sophomore general education transfer programs, specialty courses, continuing education courses, and workforce development to meet the needs of the emerging and existing industries. EACC offers both certificate and associate degree programs as well as non-credit training to accomplish this purpose and to support state and regional economic development goals.

The college offers a variety of courses and services to support business and industry and economic needs of our state and region. EACC is a student-centered college focused on meeting the learning needs of the student through strong counseling, guidance, and comprehensive support services. East Arkansas Community College is supported by a millage in its taxing district of St. Francis County. It is governed by a nine (9) member Board of Trustees whose members are appointed by the Governor from among the citizens of the taxing district.

Academic Core Competencies

The faculty, staff, and students at East Arkansas Community College identified four competencies that every EACC student should master before graduation. Those four competencies are the core to the educational goals of the college and every program is evaluated using the following core competencies.

The first core competency is communication. It is expected that every graduate of East Arkansas Community College will be able to communicate effectively and clearly. The EACC graduates will have demonstrated the ability to comprehend the written works, write in a clear and effective manner, listen and effectively comprehend the spoken word, and organize their ideas and clearly convey those ideas through speech and oration.

The second core competency is critical thinking. Every graduate of EACC will demonstrate the ability to analyze information, interpret graphical and numerical data, demonstrate information fluency, and effectively solve problems.

The third core competency is personal and global awareness. Every graduate of East Arkansas Community College will demonstrate the ability to effectively evaluate their personal knowledge and abilities, learn the appropriate social skills to be successful in their careers and in life, and be able to manage their personal health and wellness effectively. Every graduate will also have a greater appreciation for the arts and sciences, and will have been given the tools to understand the importance of and to cultivate an appreciation for diversity and global issues.

The fourth core competency of EACC academics is academic proficiency and professional development. It is the goal of East Arkansas Community College to have every graduate of the college demonstrate a practical application of the knowledge learned, to master an

adequate amount of technology and computer skills to be successful in their chosen field and in life, to acquire the workplace skills necessary for future success, to develop and maintain a professional attitude, and to become motivated to pursue life-long learning. These abilities are needed to insure professional success in the workplace and in future endeavors.

Every student that successfully learns these four core competencies will have the tools to succeed and flourish in their future education, their jobs, and their life after EACC.

Location

The 88-acre campus of East Arkansas Community College is located atop Crowley's Ridge just off Highway 284 (also known as Crowley's Ridge Road and Newcastle Road). The campus lies within the city limits of Forrest City, which is considered a business and transportation hub of the east-central portion of the state. Arkansas Highway 1, U.S. Highway 70, and U.S. Interstate 40 provide easy access to the town, which boasts a population of about 14,000. EACC's land adjoins the campus of Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute and is a half-mile north of Interstate 40 (exit 242).

History

St. Francis County residents planted the seeds for a local institution of higher learning in 1968 with the formation of a community college committee. In June of 1969, the Crowley Ridge Community College Corporation received its charter. In April of 1971, Mrs. Ed (Betty Jo) Hodges donated \$25,000 to the organization. The generous grant allowed the group to purchase 40 acres of land located on Crowley's Ridge.

In August of 1973, the Arkansas Board of Higher Education announced that St. Francis County had met all the requirements and criteria for the formation of a community college district and authorized the county to call for an election on the issue. On November 8, voters approved the proposal, which included a 4-mill tax to finance construction of the College.

Gov. Dale Bumpers appointed nine members to the Board of Trustees, and the college representatives officially took office on Dec. 13, 1973. On February 7, 1974, the trustees selected Horace E. Hartsell as first President of East Arkansas Community College. Dr. Hartsell began his duties on March 15, 1974. An administrative team and faculty were assembled, and on August 26, 1974, classes opened in a temporary, renovated facility at the corner of Court and IZard Streets in downtown Forrest City. In the first term, 684 students enrolled for credit courses.

In December 1974, the board authorized construction of 11 buildings at a cost of \$1.5 million on the Crowley's Ridge site. Classes began at the new campus in August of 1975. In 1986, the Board approved a \$1.5 million expansion and improvement project that increased the physical plant by 50 percent without any additional tax. In addition to

energy-saving measures, renovation, and improvements to existing buildings, the College added 23,000 square feet of new facilities including a fourth classroom building, a music building, a lecture hall, and expansion of the physical education building.

In 1991, EACC purchased land from the Becker family to continue its expansion program. Following relocation of Newcastle Road, the school erected a million-dollar Computer Education Center and two new office buildings. An overall land-use plan has also been developed to lead the college into the 21st century.

EACC continued its commitment to educational advancement in 1994 with the addition of the Computer Education Center. The 15,000 square foot EACC Learning Resource Center opened in December of 2000 and houses the EACC Library, and Continuing Education and Workforce Development. The addition of the Betty Jo Hodges Student Services Complex in the spring of 2002 provided students with a more streamlined experience with Financial Aid, counseling and registration processes, and tutorial services in the Learning Center. The College has completed the renovation of all three classroom buildings including state-of-the-art technology and classroom furnishings. The EACC Wynne Center opened to the public in 2005 to serve students in the northern tier of the service area counties. The EACC Technology Center opened in the fall of 2007 and the Fine Arts Center and Gallery officially opened in 2010. In 2011, projects included the completion of the Transportation and Technology Center on Highway 1 in Forrest City and a complete renovation of the Vaccaro Clock Tower. The Allied Health Building opened in the spring of 2013.

Service Area

The EACC service area includes St. Francis, Lee, Monroe, Cross, Woodruff Counties and Poinsett County, but the College's educational influence does not end there. Students from Crittenden, Lonoke, Prairie, Phillips, Pulaski, Arkansas, Craighead, White, Faulkner, and Mississippi counties have also attended EACC in recent semesters. Students attend classes either at the main campus in Forrest City or at numerous off-campus sites located in the EACC service area. In 2005, EACC opened the Wynne site with multiple classrooms and offices in the Bill Thomas Building located in Wynne, Arkansas. The site has been instrumental in offering students a wide variety of credit classes and continuing education opportunities.

Adventure Training Center

The Adventure Training Center at EACC features a state-of-the-art, outdoor challenge course that provides the ultimate training experience for teambuilding and leadership development. Participants strengthen their communication and problem solving skills while developing their leadership potential through adventure-based experiential programming. Training sessions are tailored to meet the specific needs, desires, and physical abilities of any group. For more information, please call 870-633-4480 ext. 347 or 289.

Continuing Education and Workforce Development

The Department of Continuing Education and Workforce Development at EACC offers non-credit, lifelong learning programs. Its mission is to improve the quality of life and stimulate the economy by providing cultural and educational opportunities for the community and quality workforce training opportunities for area businesses.

Distance Learning at EACC

The mission of EACC's Distance Learning program is to provide college-level courses that reach beyond the boundaries of traditional classroom instruction to accommodate students who require a more flexible schedule. EACC offers a wide variety of general education courses through online learning or NET courses.

EACC's NET courses utilize Internet-based technologies such as e-mail, web pages, bulletin boards, and other online collaboration tools. NET courses provide flexibility for students who may not be able to come to campus. Students can assess course materials online, take specific quizzes, and communicate with the instructor via the Internet.

For additional information regarding EACC Distance Learning, call 870-633-4480 or e-mail distancelearning@eacc.edu

Eastark Secondary Career Center

Eastark Secondary Career Center is located on the East Arkansas Community College Campus. The Center was created in 2004 through a collaborative effort by EACC, area school districts, and the Arkansas Department of Workforce Education. The Center provides area high school students with unique opportunities to pursue career programs, receive high school credit and possibly college credit. The Eastark Secondary Career Center enables students to gain hands-on training in a variety of technical fields. The ESCC provides students with quality career oriented programs of study, assists them in making wise career choices, and prepares them for the work day world.

EACCALERT

EACC offers an emergency alert text messaging service for currently enrolled students, faculty, and staff. This optional service will only be used to announce a critical alert such as an unscheduled college closing or a delay or cancellation of classes due to unforeseen events such as inclement weather. There is no charge for signing up; however, your cell carrier's standard text messaging rates will apply. Your user name will be your EACC email address.

The eaccALERT text messaging service is just one of the methods the College will utilize to communicate emergency information to students, faculty, and staff. EACC will continue to use a variety of other communication methods as appropriate, including email, class announcements, telephone system alerts, etc.

To sign up for this important service visit the EACC website at www.eacc.edu and click on Services, then the eaccALERT link to get started.

For more information about emergency procedures and policies at EACC, please visit the EACC website at www.eacc.edu and click on About EACC, then Emergency Procedures booklet.

Eastern Arkansas Literacy Project

The Eastern Arkansas Literacy Project, headquartered in the Learning Resource Center, serves all low-level readers as well as non-English speaking students interested in attending classes for English as a Second Language in the counties of Cross, St. Francis, and Lee. Volunteer literacy councils have been established in Cross and St. Francis to recruit students and train volunteer tutors. For additional information in becoming a volunteer tutor or if you would like assistance in reading or English as a Second Language, please call 633-4480 ext. 250.

Fine Arts Center

The EACC Fine Arts Center is an important component of the cultural landscape of Eastern Arkansas. Since the Center's opening in April of 2010, patrons and visitors have discovered a unique facility designed to meet the diverse needs of both the performing arts and the community. The 33,000 square foot Center is designated as a 'Class A' performance hall and is currently one of only three located in the state of Arkansas. Features include a 1,100 seat Auditorium, a 2,900 square foot state-of-the-art Stage, a large Banquet Hall and Catering Kitchen suitable for hosting meetings, banquets, receptions, seminars and more, a Black Box Theater, and an Art Gallery for art exhibitions. The building design provides flexible seating options to accommodate many different seating and table configurations as well as hosting multiple events at the same time. For additional information regarding the facility or performances and events, call 870-633-4480, ext. 352.

Off-Campus Program

EACC offers academic credit courses at several other locations throughout the EACC service area, including Augusta, Brinkley, Cherry Valley, Hughes, Marianna, McCrory, Wynne, and Harrisburg. For further information about courses offered at off-campus sites, contact the Coordinator of Off-Campus Programs at (870) 633-4480.

Weather conditions may cause the off-campus sites to be closed at various times during the year. As a rule, EACC off-campus classes follow the same schedule as the respective local school systems. Should a situation arise during the normal work day, the decision to cancel classes at each off-campus site will be made at the earliest possible time. The decision will be communicated to area radio and television stations.

Senior Sage Program

The Senior Sage Program at EACC includes a wide variety of course offerings designed to challenge, educate, and enrich the lives of mature learners. For more information about Senior Sage classes or to learn about senior tuition/fee waivers, visit www.eacc.edu or call 870-633-4480 ext. 333.