



College of Education – Procedure Manual

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Section: Appendices

Subject: A Brief Historical Outline

- 1909 The institution develops from one of the four state agriculture schools established by an act of the Arkansas General Assembly.
- 1910 The institution opens as a vocational school.
- 1918 The vocational school is reorganized as a junior college.
- 1925 The institution's name is changed to State A & M College. Authority to extend the curriculum, offer senior college work, and grant degrees is given in the same year.
- 1928 North Central Association (NCA) accreditation is approved.
- 1930 Senior College work is initiated.
- 1930 Department of Education formed; HPER is a separate department.
- 1931 First Bachelor of Science in Education (BSE) degrees granted.
- 1933 The institution's name is changed to Arkansas State College
- 1936 A new educational building constructed by the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works (WPA), is dedicated and named Teacher Training School.
- 1954 National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) is approved.
- 1955 Master of Science in Education (MSE) degree program in Elementary Education is initiated.
- 1955 Master of Science in Education (MSE) degree program in Educational Administration is initiated.
- 1956 First MSE degrees in Elementary Education and Educational Administration granted.
- 1962 MSE in Counselor Education (Secondary) Initiated.



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- 1964 Department of Education and Psychology=s name is changed to School of Education; HPER is added to the school.
- 1965 Teacher Education Policy and Planning Committee (TEPPC) is established.
- 1965 Bachelor of Science in Education (BSE) degree program in Elementary Education with a Special Education Emphasis (Mental Retardation) initiated.
- 1966 MSE in Counselor Education (Elementary) initiated.
- 1966 ASU receives funding for Arkansas' first Regional Training Project with Head Start (beginning of Childhood Services)
- 1967 Arkansas State College becomes Arkansas State University; the School of Education=s name is changed to the College of Education, effective July 1, 1967.
- 1967 Master of Science in Education (MSE) degree program in Reading is initiated.
- 1967 Master of Science in Education (MSE) degree program in Educational Administration with an emphasis in Curriculum and Instruction is initiated.
- 1968 First MSE degrees in Reading granted.
- 1968 First MSE degrees in Educational Administration with an emphasis in Curriculum and Instruction granted.
- 1968 Master=s degree program in rehabilitation counseling (MRC) is initiated.
- 1969 Specialist in Education (Ed.S) degree programs in Education Administration and Counselor Education are initiated.
- 1969 MRC in Rehabilitation Counseling received student traineeship grant from the Rehabilitation Counseling Services Administration of US Department of Education.
- 1970: First MRC degrees granted.
- 1970 ASU partners with Jonesboro Kindergarten on the State Model Kindergarten Program
- 1971 First Ed.S degrees in Education Administration and Counselor Education granted.



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- 1973 North Central Association (NCA) notifies Arkansas State University that it has been placed on the decennial review cycle and that...the institution is judged to have achieved final accreditation at the master=s degree level and to be accredited at the specialist=s degree level. The institution is free to initiate new programs at this level without prior evaluation visits, so long as these programs are reported and fully described as a part of the institution=s annual report to the Association.
- 1973 Master of Science in Education (MSE) degree program in Early Childhood is initiated.
- 1974 First MSE degrees in Early Childhood granted.
- 1974 Bachelor of Science (BS) degree program in psychology is initiated.
- 1975 First BS degrees in psychology granted.
- 1975 Master of Speech Pathology (MSP) degree program is initiated.
- 1975 The HPER department moves into a newly constructed Physical Education Complex
- 1976 First MSP degrees granted.
- 1976 Specialist in Community College Teaching (SCCT) degree program is initiated.
- 1976 Counselor Education (Ed.S) degree program is expanded to three tracks (emphases) in public school counseling, college student personnel, and psycho-educational diagnosis.
- 1976 MRC in Rehabilitation Counseling received national specialty accreditation by Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE).
- 1977 First SCCT degrees granted.
- 1980 Master of Science in Education (MSE) degree programs in Special Education with emphases in the Emotionally Disturbed, the Mildly Handicapped, and the Moderately-Profoundly Handicapped is initiated.
- 1981 First MSE degrees in Special Education with an emphasis in the Mildly Handicapped granted.



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- 1981 College of Education moves from the Teacher Training School Facility into a newly constructed Communication and Education building.
- 1982 First MSE degrees in Special Education with emphasis in the Emotionally Disturbed and the Moderately-Profoundly Handicapped are granted.
- 1982 First Ed.S degrees in Public School Counseling granted.
- 1983 First Ed.S degrees in College Student Personnel granted.
- 1984 Master of Science (MS) degree program in Early Childhood Services is initiated.
- 1985 First MS degrees in Early Childhood Services granted.
- 1985 Master of Science in Education (MSE) degree program in Special Education with an emphasis in the Gifted, Talented, and Creative is initiated.
- 1988 First MSE degrees in Special Education with an emphasis in the Gifted, Talented, and Creative granted.
- 1988 Master's degree program in speech pathology is re-named the Master of Communicative Disorders (MCD).
- 1990 First Ed.S degrees in Psycho-educational Diagnosis granted.
- 1990 The Instructional Resource Center is established.
- 1990 Master of Science in Education (MSE) degree program in Special Education with an emphasis in early Childhood is initiated with the first degree granted the same year.
- 1990 MRC program received \$500,000 traineeship grant from Rehabilitation Services Administration.
- 1991 Master of Science in Education (MSE) degree program in Physical Education is initiated with the first degree granted the same year.
- 1992 The Eugene Smith Center for Excellence in Education is established.
- 1992 Doctor of Education (Ed.D) degree program in Educational Leadership is initiated in August with emphasis in School Administration and College Administration; first cohort begins with a traditional doctoral curriculum.



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- 1993 The Ed.D doctoral core curriculum is initiated in August with the second cohort.
- 1994 First Ed.D degrees granted.
- 1994 MSE in Counselor Education (Secondary) and MSE in Counselor Education (Elementary) combined into a single MSE in Counselor Education (K-12).
- 1995 MRC Rehabilitation Counseling program re-accredited by CORE.
- 1996 Department of Counselor Education and Psychology is re-named the Department of Psychology and Counseling.
- 1996 First graduate of K-12 Counselor Education major.
- 1996 Ed.S Counselor Ed major with three tracks reconfigured into one Psychology and Counseling major.
- 1997 Ed.D program is scheduled for the Final Outside Evaluation in the spring.
- 1997 First graduate of Ed.S Psychology and Counseling program.
- 2000 Temporary program approval of Ed.S Psychology and Counseling with emphasis in School Psychology by Arkansas Department of Education.
- 2001 College reorganization resulted in the Department of Educational Administration and Secondary Education being renamed the Department of Educational Leadership, Curriculum, and Special Education. The Department of Elementary Education is renamed the Department of Teacher Education.
- 2001 MSE in Counselor Education program received national specialty accreditation by Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Programs (CACREP).
- 2001 MS in College Personnel Services with two tracks, professional and counseling, initiated. Interdisciplinary program is supported by ASU Student Affairs, the Department of Educational Leadership, Curriculum, and Special Education the Department of Psychology and Counseling.
- 2002 MSE and Ed.S in Educational Administration became approved programs for the new Arkansas licensure areas in Educational Administration.
- 2002 The MSE in Curriculum and Instruction was initiated and approved for the new Arkansas licensure areas: Director of Special Education, Director of Gifted and Talented, and Curriculum Director.



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- 2002 All Educational Leadership, Curriculum, and Special Education programs were approved by their respective Special Program Associations.
- 2002 The name of MSE Counselor Education (K-12) major changed to School Counseling (K-12)
- 2003 Professional Education Programs reaccredited by NCATE
- 2007 ASU Education Renewal Zone established
- 2008 Title III grant provided resources to offer the BSE in Early Childhood Program at Mid-South Community College
- 2008 ADTEC grant provided resources to offer the Middle Level Program at Mid-South Community College, Northeastern College and ASU-Newport
- 2008 ASU Child Development and Research Center opened
- 2009 The Arkansas Delta Writing Project, a National Writing Project site was established at ASU in the Department of Teacher Education.
- 2010 The MSE in Reading was “Nationally Recognized” by the International Reading Association.
- 2010 Professional Education Programs reaccredited by NCATE with a focus visit scheduled for the fall 2011
- 2011 The Ed.S in Reading was approved by Arkansas Department of Education, Arkansas Department of Higher Education, and the ASU Board of Trustees.
- 2011 College Preparatory Academy for the Delta established with the support of Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, ASU Education Renewal Zone, Blytheville Public School District and Northeastern College.
- 2012 The Arkansas Department of Higher Education approved offering the MSE in Middle-Level Education at the Beebe campus.
- 2012 Professional Education Programs reaccredited by NCATE