

## **ACE Graduate Credit for National Board Certification Accepted at South Dakota's Public Universities**

Recent action by the South Dakota Board of Regents will allow National Board Certified Teachers to transfer credits from an ACE transcript (see below) to an existing transcript record at any one of South Dakota's public universities. Teachers should contact the registrar's office about specific processes and may need to pay applicable recording fees. Each university will determine if the ACE credit can be accepted to meet degree program requirements.

The American Council on Education (ACE), based on an independent review of the certification process, recommends that teachers who participate in the National Board Certification process may be eligible to receive three semester hours of graduate credit for completing the process and an additional three hours for achieving National Board Certification.

ACE will issue a transcript reflecting the number of graduate credit hours they are recommending. The transcript can then be provided to the college, university, state department of education or local school district for consideration. Credits may be used toward degree program requirements, licensure renewal and salary stipends, depending on local regulations and policies in effect.

See <http://www.nbpts.org/highered/ace.cfm> for additional information about the ACE transcripts.