

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Policy Manual

SUBJECT: Certificate Programs

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1. Universities may deliver academic certificate programs which involve a sequence, pattern, or group of academic credit courses that focus upon an area of specialized knowledge or information and have specifically defined student learning outcomes.
 - A. Academic certificate programs require Board approval.
 - B. Academic certificate programs require admission to the university and result in an official academic transcript.
 - C. Completion of the academic certificate program shall be indicated on the student's academic transcript.

2. Universities may confer certificates of recognition to persons who have successfully completed credit or non-credit educational experiences, e.g. workshops. Completion is based on learning objectives and requires formal learner evaluation.
 - A. Certificates of recognition do not require Board approval.
 - B. Certificates of recognition are not part of a degree program and do not require formal admission to the university.
 - C. If credit bearing course work is involved and the participant registers for it, the course will appear on the transcript.
 - D. Non-credit experiences may be recognized but do not result in a transcript.

SOURCE: BOR, May 1993; BOR, January 2002; BOR, December 2003, BOR, August 2005.