

# SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

## Policy Manual

**SUBJECT:** Program to Program Articulation Agreements

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### 1. Criteria

- A. The Associate of Arts degree is a transferable degree. Students completing an Associate of Arts degree and transferring must fulfill all college, major, minor, certificate, and other degree requirements of the receiving campus.
- B. The Associate of Science degree is a terminal degree. However, it is transferable when a specific degree articulation agreement exists between a given A.S. degree and a specific baccalaureate degree.
- C. The Associate of Applied Science degree is a non-transferable degree. Credit hours for such degrees may be transferable only when a specific articulation program to program agreement exists.
- D. Articulation agreements will be applicable throughout the Regental system in the manner specified during the approval process.
- E. Articulation agreements will be applicable only to Regental institutions offering equivalent programs.

### 2. Process for agreements with accredited colleges and universities

- A. Agreements will be developed by Regental institutions and faculty according to institutional guidelines.
- B. These agreements will be forwarded to the Academic Affairs Council for system review. The Academic Affairs Council will make a recommendation to the Council of Presidents and Superintendents and the Board of Regents.
- C. Once a program is articulated, it is the responsibility of each institution to submit a new proposal when any aspect of the agreement is changed.
- D. Articulation agreements will be reviewed as part of the seven year institutional program review process and submitted to the Academic Affairs Council.

### 3. South Dakota Technical Institutes with a memorandum of agreement with the Board of Regents

- A. The Memorandum of Agreement with the South Dakota technical institute approved by the Board of Regents (BOR) and Board of Education (BOE) includes program to program agreements.
- B. General education courses as part of program to program articulation agreements will be governed by Board Policy 2:31, Articulation of General Education Courses: South Dakota Technical Institutes with a Memorandum of Agreement with the Board of Regents.
- C. Transfer of technical course credit hours as part of program to program articulation agreements is governed by Board policy 2:5 Transfer of Credit.
- D. Process for developing program to program articulation agreements
  - 1) The Regental university Vice President for Academic Affairs or designee contacts the BOR System Chief Academic Officer to identify interest in developing a specific program to program articulation agreement, or the technical institute director or designee contacts the BOR System Chief Academic Officer to identify interest in developing a specific program to program articulation agreement.
  - 2) The BOR System Chief Academic Officer will work with the Regental university(ies) to draft the proposed program to program articulation agreement and submit it to the technical institute(s) for review.
  - 3) After the university and technical institute have agreed on the proposed program to program articulation agreement, the BOR System Chief Academic Officer will submit the proposed articulation agreement to the BOR and the technical institute director will submit the proposed articulation agreement to the BOE for approval.

#### **4. South Dakota Technical Institutes without a memorandum of agreement with the Board of Regents**

- A. Program to program articulation agreements will not be developed with South Dakota technical institutes that do not have a memorandum of agreement with the Board of Regents.
- B. Program to program articulation agreements existing in June 2005 will remain in place.
- C. Transfer of general education courses will be governed by Board Policy 2:25, Articulation of General Education Courses: South Dakota Technical Institutes without a Memorandum of Agreement with the Board of Regents.

D. Transfer of technical course credit hours is governed by Board policy 2:5 Transfer of Credit.

**SOURCE: BOR, June 1997; BOR, October 1997; BOR, December 1997; BOR, August 1999; BOR June 2005.**