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New USD Certificate Program Attractive to Tech School Graduates

ABERDEEN, S.D. – A new 12-hour certificate program approved for delivery at The University of South Dakota has been designed to appeal especially to graduates from two-year programs in computer-aided drafting. A South Dakota Board of Regents’ academic committee Thursday approved the certificate in Drafting for the Entertainment Industry through the university’s College of Fine Arts.

“Anyone could participate in this program, but it may benefit most those graduates from community colleges and technical institutes who already have degrees in computer-aided drafting,” said Regents’ President Harvey C. Jewett. “In fact, students from Southeast Technical Institute and Western Iowa Tech have expressed interest in such a certificate program.”

The entertainment industry is one of the fastest-growing technology fields. This industry, which includes television, film, theatre, and amusement park design, provides employment opportunities for people working in 3-D design and animation and requires workers with specialized training in methods, materials, and graphic communication.

The certificate program will be available to students beginning in the fall of 2007.