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## **New Degree Programs in Architecture, Health Informatics Considered**

RAPID CITY, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents has given officials at South Dakota State University and Dakota State University permission to begin planning for new graduate degrees in architecture and health informatics.

The board's action allows campus officials to begin the process of putting together specific plans to offer a new degree program, subject to final approval by the regents. SDSU and DSU were asked to develop their plans without relying on any new state resources to implement or maintain the programs.

Early plans at SDSU call for both a master's degree in architecture and a bachelor-level degree in architectural studies. There are no other similar programs in architecture offered in South Dakota, and students interested in that field currently must enroll out of state. The master's in architecture would be an accredited program that qualifies its graduates to sit for the national licensing exam in architecture. The parallel undergraduate degree in architectural studies would prepare students for the master's level program of study.

At Dakota State in Madison, officials will consider offering a new M.S. degree in health informatics. A program in health informatics brings together the disciplines of information science, computer science, and health care, preparing students for careers in the health care information technology industry, including positions in administration, research, and applied health informatics. Examples of such jobs include chief information officer, health information manager, health information application developer, and data analytics specialist.